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YUGOSLAVIA GIVEN UNTIL TOMORROW TO JOIN AXIS

Military Preparations Are Continued On Large Scale

Will Resist Any Attack

GERMANY IS REPORTED TO HAVE GIVEN YUGOSLAVIA UNTIL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO JOIN THE AXIS, states a message from Sydney, though at the moment Yugoslavia has shown no inclination to do so. In fact, the Yugoslavian Government has declared its intention of resisting air attacks from any quarter, including Germany.

Meanwhile, military preparations in Yugoslavia continue on a large scale, and two-thirds of her front line troops have now been called up.

Franco-Thai Convention

ADJUSTMENT OF FRONTIERS

BANGKOK, Mar. 17 (Reuters).—Well-informed circles disclose that the Franco-Thai convention, embodying the terms agreed upon by the mediation commission in Tokyo on March 17, will be signed late this month or early next, a semi-official Japanese report states.

The convention will provide detailed measures for adjustment of revised frontiers and will appoint a joint border delimitation commission.

Thailand, meanwhile, will form a Governmental department for Indo-China affairs to administer the territories recovered under the peace treaty. It is also reported. Two out of the four districts in the Luang Prabang area, Houeisai and Paklay, will be renamed after Lieut-General Habburi, Commander-in-Chief of Thailand's northern forces, and Luang Bipul Songgram, Thailand Premier.

XMAS DINNER IN DESERT!

Somewhere in the Western Desert yesterday, a famous Irish Hussar Regiment enjoyed their Christmas dinner, states a London message, which adds that during the Xmas season the soldiers were too busy under enemy fire at Bardia. (Special)

NAVIGATION IN BALTIC

Navigation in the Baltic is to be reopened shortly, states a London message. Århus Harbour, in Finland has already been opened. (Special)

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SURPRISING GERMAN RADIO STATEMENT

The German Radio made the following surprising statement to American listeners, states a London message:—

"We know there will always be an England. Our alleged intentions to destroy the mighty British Colonial Empire is pure nonsense."—(Special)

TIGHTENING UP OF SHIPPING POSITION

LONDON, Mar. 17 (Reuters).—A tightening up in the shipping position is likely and the final step in the process will be taken by the Prime Minister himself, learns Reuters's Lobby correspondent.

Following last week's secret decision of the House of Commons, the Government is making an exhaustive review of the difficulties and dangers of the shipping situation as well as paying full attention to Parliamentary opinion, which is still very vocal outside the House. Many members favour the appointment of a man of Lord Beaverbrook's type to the Ministry of Shipping. Others call for somebody who combines fullest knowledge of the intricacies of the shipping industry with sufficient personality to see that the Admiralty, which is now responsible for merchant ship construction, does full justice to the merchant shipping need.

are now reported to number about 10,000.—(Special)

Crack German Liner Blazing Fiercely

The crack Norddeutscher Lloyd 51,000-ton liner BREMEN, which the British Navy once had at its mercy, has been blazing fiercely since Sunday, states a London message which goes on to say that efforts to extinguish the fire are still continuing.

The official German News Agency stated that the cause of the outbreak has not yet been ascertained.

FRENCH POLICE BAN SOCCER

SHANGHAI, Mar. 17 (Reuters).—In view of the riot during a football match at the Camdrome, the French Police has banned all football games in the French Concession until further notice.

Thus matches between foreign and Chinese teams in the foreign areas of Shanghai seem to have come to an end for the time being, as in the International Settlement, the Chinese are not allowed to play on the British-owned race course and the only other ground suitable in Kiaochow Park, it is learned, was closed by the Council some time ago.

IRAQ FOREIGN MINISTER

The Foreign Minister of Iraq has returned after a 10-day visit to Cairo where he had talks with Mr. Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, and Egyptian officials, states a London message. (Special)

Thorny Food Problem

FRANCE & BRITISH BLOCKADE

"In December, 1939, when France was Britain's ally, Admiral Darian issued an order to the French fleet that any help it could give to maintain the British blockade would help France," said Mr. J. B. McGeekie, B.B.C. commentator, when he broadcast from London yesterday on the food situation in un-occupied France.

OBVIOUS REASONS
"Admiral Darian knows that that is still true and he knows that this is the weapon which is needed to defeat Germany," went on Mr. McGeekie. "Today the blockade applies to France as well, for obvious reasons."

"It applies to occupied France because it is in the hands of the Germans, and it applies to un-occupied France because they are unable to prevent Germany making use of her supplies and equally unable to obtain the food she needs from Germany. Apart from that, French factories in un-occupied France are working for the Germans, and the helpless men of Vichy are yielding valuable concessions to the conquerors without being able to get anything in return."

"France is the one country which comes nearest to being able to supply her own food needs, but since she has lost half of this goes to the Nazis, her people don't get enough."

THE REAL QUESTION
"It is in these circumstances that Britain is being asked to relax her blockade," said Mr. McGeekie. "Asked is hardly the word, because Admiral Darian has made rather a threat than a request. And now he is being urged by the Nazis for playing up the humanitarian side."

"The British Government has already shown good faith by allowing the ship Coal Harbort to reach France. But, on is not willing to allow Germany to collar any ship-loads that might be landed in southern ports in France."

BIGGEST INDUSTRIAL CALL-UP

Men started to register in Britain yesterday in the biggest industrial call-up ever known, states a London message.

It is expected that more than 200,000 girls of 20 years of age will register. Thousands of them are already engaged in vital war work.

Mr. Ernest Bevin, Labour Minister, stated that the registration was for the purpose of surveying the labour force available. (Special)

The view was upheld in London. (Special)

Today's News Summary

LAUNCHING A SURPRISE attack, Imperial forces have recaptured Berbera, capital of British Somaliland, which the British decided to evacuate in August last year. The landing was effected with the co-operation of the navy and air force.

THE CRACK GERMAN ATLANTIC liner, Bremen, is reported to be blazing fiercely. It will be recalled that early in the war the liner was once at the mercy of the British Navy but the submarine in question was precluded from torpedoing her.

THE RAID ON BRISTOL on Sunday night lasted several hours and considerable damage was done but all the fires were extinguished quickly. A public shelter received a direct hit while a newspaper office was also badly damaged.

IN ALBANIA, THE R.A.F. continues to deliver smashing blows on the Italians and the aerodromes at Tirana and Valona were attacked.

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ROOSEVELT'S WORDS MORE DIRECT AND MORE BLUNT THAN ANYONE THOUGHT POSSIBLE

Another Warning Given To Japan

DEBATE ON APPROPRIATION

President Roosevelt has thrown down the American gauntlet to Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini, and has given another warning to Japan, states a message from Sydney commenting on the President's latest broadcast speech from the White House.

The message went on to describe Mr. Roosevelt's words as being more direct and more blunt than anyone thought possible.

In the United States itself opinion is that Mr. Roosevelt has made articulate the aspiration of all Americans.

Another message from Sydney added that the debate on the \$7,000 million appropriation requested by the President will begin today (Tuesday), and that it was expected that it will be voted on tonight. (Special)

After his strenuous work in recent weeks, President Roosevelt is leaving shortly for a southern cruise, states a London message.

The B.B.C. put out Mr. Roosevelt's broadcast speech on Saturday night in 22 languages. (Special)

HISTORIC UTTERANCE
LONDON, Mar. 17 (Reuters).—President Roosevelt's speech is hailed by newspapers as an historic utterance.



MR. R. B. BENNETT

Ex-Canadian Premier On "Our Cause"

"Our cause is the cause of freedom against blind and brutal force," said MR. R. B. BENNETT, former Prime Minister of Canada, when he spoke in London yesterday, states a London message.

The passing of the Lease and Lend Bill shows the admiration of the American people for the British people.

"The maintenance of our empire means the maintenance of Christian civilisation throughout the world."

Mr. Bennett added that one of the greatest things which the war had shown was the zeal to help the Mother Country which had come from all the Dominions and the Colonies. (Special)

Technical Superiority Key To Air Superiority, Says Maj. Oliver Stewart

"Taking things by and large, I say that America knows more about aviation in the present time than any other country in the world," said MAJOR OLIVER STEWART, aeronautical expert, when he broadcast from London yesterday on the increasing number of warplanes coming to Britain from America.

"I won't say that she knows more in war aviation," continued Maj. Stewart, "but in the field of aviation. That is why American help in the air war is going to play a very important part."

"We ourselves are trying to build our numerical strength for all we are worth but while we have been doing so we have had less chance for experimental and research work. So there might be a gap between the technical merit of our aircraft and the technical merit of the German and Italian plane. Now that gap has been removed."

THREE THINGS
"Take the three things that matter—speed, height and distance," said Major Stewart. "In speed, America is sending us the Bell Alracobra and the Lockheed P38 fighter known as Lightning. In height, the Americans have produced a specialised machine known as the Curtiss-Wright. This plane can rise at about one mile a minute, though, of course, the rate does not last as they climb higher. This machine, however, points the way to specialised high flying."

"In distance, the Americans have the Boeing Monarch which will go a very long way, and which will enable us to hit the Germans in Germany."

"It is no use flying to Berlin with 400 or 500 tons of bombs and a new American bomber will be able to take good deal more than two or three times of bombs."

"So, the remarks by President Roosevelt about air aid, do not mean to say numerical strength but that we should have technical superiority—and technical superiority is the key to air superiority."

Berbera Retaken After Surprise Landing

BERBERA, capital of British Somaliland, which was evacuated last August, has been recaptured after a surprise attack launched by Imperial forces the successful landing being effected with the co-operation of the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force, states a London message.

This was the first news to be received of that operations had been commenced in British Somaliland.

The landing forces were confronted with warships, machine-gun and artillery fire but this was quickly overcome.

The Italians offered little resistance and more were coming in.

In ERITREA, British and Indian troops have captured important heights around Keren, the key point of Italian resistance there.

In ABYSSINIA, the advance of Imperial and patriot forces is continuing but there is no change in

ADVERTISEMENTS

THE FANLING HUNT & RACE CLUB

The March Meeting will be held on 23rd March as advertised. Race No. 6 (The Kangaroo Cup) is cancelled and in its place the following is substituted.

The Dublin Consolation Cup. A flat race of 1 mile for China Ponies "E" class that have started at this Meeting. Weight as allotted for The Dublin Handicap. Winner Barred. Ponies placed second and third 5lb. and 3lb. penalty respectively. Winner \$250.00, 2nd, 125.00, 3rd, \$100.00. Post entry \$5.00.

By Order of the Committee,
THOMSON & CO.,
Secretaries.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Second Extra Race Meeting
Saturday, 29th March, 1941.

The closing of the entries for the above has been postponed to 5.00 P.M. on MONDAY, 24th March.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING has again been postponed. It will now be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 22nd March, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The first Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Telephone 21920).

No children or amahs will be admitted to either Enclosure.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 17th March, 1941.

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What do you want?

If there is anything you want to buy or sell, try a small Classified advertisement in the Hong Kong Daily Press.

25 words \$1.50 prepaid for 3 insertions.



J. MACAULEY RUNS 440 YARDS IN 57 SECONDS AT D.B.S. SPORTS

The annual sports of the DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL, held on the school ground yesterday, produced three performances superior to the standards set at the University sports on Saturday.

These were a 440 Yards run in 57 seconds flat by J. MACAULEY, One Mile in 5 mins. 20 secs. by C. TRUAX, and 5 feet 5 ins. in the high jump by LIM HONG-HONG.

The School thus also proved to have three boys who should do well in the inter-school sports, but performances in other events showed a lack of all-round strength that makes the inter-school team championship but a remote possibility.

Yellow Club won the inter-club championship with 168 points, Blue having 163, Green 80½ and Brown 62½.

The Senior Boys' Championship was won by J. Macauley, who contributed 40½ points to the Blue Club total, the Middle Boys' Championship by Tan Kok-ling (Green), who scored 45 points, and the Junior Boys' Championship by P. Mugford (Blue), who scored 37 points.

THE RESULTS

100 Yards: 1. H. Wong (Y); tied for 2nd L. Jernakoff (Y) and J. Macauley (BL). Time: 11 2/5 secs. Middle Boys: 1. E. Read (Y); 2. Tan Kok-ling (G); 3. B. Lim (BL). Time: 12 2/5 secs. Junior Boys: 1. P. Mugford (BL); 2. Ng Luen-fuk (Y); 3. Lee E. Shen (BL). Time: 13 secs.

220 Yards: 1. J. Macauley (BL); 2. L. Jernakoff (Y); 3. F. Lam (G). Time: 26 4/5 secs. Middle Boys: 1. E. Read (Y); 2. Tan Kok-ling (G); 3. B. Lim (BL). Time: 29 secs. Junior Boys: 1. P. Mugford; 2. Lee E. Shen. Time: 33 2/5 secs.

440 Yards: 1. J. Macauley (BL); 2. G. Rosseter (Y); 3. D. Truax (Br). Time: 57 secs. Middle Boys: 1. Tan Kok-ling (G); 2. E. Read (Y); 3. Tang Kwong-yan (G). Time: 62½ secs. Junior Boys: 1. P. Mugford; 2. Lee E. Shen. Time: 75 secs.

880 Yards: 1. J. Macauley (BL); 2. C. Truax (Y); 3. Hsu Yuanyo (Br). Time: 2 mins. 21 3/5 secs. Middle Boys: 1. Tan Kok-ling (G); 2. E. Read (Y); 3. B. Lim (BL). Time: 3 mins.

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

BADMINTON.—(At Recreio). Men's Junior Doubles.—J. L. Anderson and W. Gilles v. W. T. Ho and A. C. Cheung, 7 p.m. Men's Junior Singles.—R. M. Lavalie v. Peter Lo, 7.45 p.m. T. S. Young v. J. Tsang, 8.30 p.m. Mixed Doubles.—E. Gillespie and Miss F. Wong v. H.C. and Miss D. Eardley, 9.15 p.m.

TENNIS.—Colony Championships.—Open Singles.—W. J. Howard v. H.D. Rumjahn. Open Doubles.—T.A. Martin and E.G. Mattheas v. G. W. Sewell and D.M. MacDougall. C.H.R. Oxlade and A.H. Barwell v. Tsui Yan-pui and T. Imura v. T.C. Monaghan and T.J. Gould. Club Handicap Singles.—H. Van Leeuwen (-2/6) v. L. P. Ralph (plus 1/6). A.T. Dow (-3/6) v. M.A. Blerens de Haan (scr.). Club Handicap Doubles.—H.E. Waller and E. S. Hall (plus 3/6) v. R.H. Blake and H.C.D. Knight (-3/6). D. S. Robb and C.W.E. Bishop (scr.) v. N. Spence and E. Newton (-1/6).

TOMORROW

RIFLE SHOOTING.—Hongkong Rifle Association Spoon and Practice Shoot, at Kowloon City, 1.45 p.m.

TENNIS.—Colony Championships.—Open Singles.—Ho Ka-lau v. K.H. Ip. Open Doubles.—Fang Oi-lam and Lee Kam-ming v. B. and I. Agafuroff. G. Choa and A. V. Remedios v. A. H. Harris and H.J. Armstrong. F. H. Kwok and T. E. Ling v. Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui. Club Singles Championship.—T. A. Pearce v. C.H.R. Oxlade. R. E. Guest v. J. Stirling. Lee. Club Handicap Singles.—T.C. Monaghan (-3/6) v. P. Wynter-Blyth (-2/6). G. W. Sewell (-4/6) v. S.L. Maughan (-2/6).

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

BADMINTON.—(At Talkoo). Men's Junior Singles.—E. Zimmermann v. J. Hool, 8 p.m. Men's Senior Doubles.—K. W. Choy and K. B. Low v. J. J. Remedios and

H.F. Gonsalves, 8.45 p.m. Mixed Doubles.—D. Kwok and Mrs. P. Wilson v. M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva, 9.15 p.m.

SNOOKER.—"Garrison League. Military Police v. R.A. Station Mess, R.A.P.C. v. Engineers "A". R.A.M.C. v. Eng. Sgt. Mess. Signals Mess v. Signals "A".

TENNIS.—Colony Championships.—Open Singles.—O. Umetani v. M. Pagh, C.S. Lee v. A. Crawford. Open Doubles.—Kenneth Lo and Lee Ming v. H. D. and S.A. Rumjahn. Club Singles Championship.—H. Van Leeuwen v. G.W. Sewell, V.R. Gordon v. A.K. Mackenzie. Club Handicap Singles.—J. Stirling Lee (-2/6) v. E. S. Hall (plus 3/6). H.C.D. Knight (-2/6) v. A.C.I. Bowker (-3/6). Club Handicap Doubles.—C.H.R. Oxlade and A.H. Barwell (-5/8) v. E. H. Brazel and G.P. Charlton (-3/6).

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

TENNIS.—Colony Championships.—Open Doubles.—B.O.M. Dean and A. T. Dow v. W. J. Howard and A. Mitchell, W. C. Hung and E.C. Fincher v. Wei Chung and S.T. Chau, C.H.R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell or Tsui Yan-pui and Tsui Wal-pui v. R. E. Guest and B. C. Fay. Club Singles Championship.—F. J. Elder v. T.C. Monaghan. Club Handicap Singles.—D.S. Robb (plus 3/6) v. E. R. Childe (plus 1/6). H. J. Armstrong (-15/3) v. E.H. Brazel (-2/6). T. J. Gold (-15/2) v. D.A. Murdoch (-2/6). F.D. Hunter (plus 2/6) v. S.E. Lavrov (plus 2/6).

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

CRICKET.—First Division: C. C. v. I.R.C. Second Division: C. C. v. S. C. C. v. P. R. C.

RACING.—Hongkong Jockey Club's First Extra Race Meeting, at Happy Valley, 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

HOCKEY.—2nd M.T.B.'s v. Police "A". Recreio v. Punjabs, Gunboats v. Nomads, University v. 8th A.A. "B".

RACING.—Fanling Hunt and Race Club Kwany March Race Meeting

FOOTBALL FIXTURES FOR WEEK

The following are the League football fixtures for the week—

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 19

First Division
Royal Scots v. Navy (Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.)
South China v. Police (Caroline Hill, 5.00 p.m.)

Third Division
36th R. A. v. Air Force (St. Joseph's, 4.30 p.m.)
7th R.A. v. Signals (Sookunpoo, 3 p.m.)
12th R.A. v. Engineers (Stanley, 3 p.m.)

SATURDAY, MAR. 22

Senior Shield Semi-Final
Eastern v. Navy (Club, 4.30 p.m.)
First Division
Club v. Middlesex (Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.)
Police v. Kowloon (Boundary Street, 4.30 p.m.)
Service Corps v. Navy (Club, 2.15 p.m.)

Second Division
Middlesex v. Police (Boundary, 3 p.m.)
Royal Scots v. Club (Military, 4.30 p.m.)
Kit Chee v. Ordnance (Caroline Hill, 3 p.m.)

Third Division
12th R.A. v. Air Force (Stanley, 4.30 p.m.)
Signals v. A.S.A. (St. Joseph's, 4.30 p.m.)
36th R.A. v. International (St. Joseph's, 3 p.m.)
35th R.A. v. 7th R.A. (Stanley, 3 p.m.)
Shell v. Medicals (Military, 3 p.m.)

SUNDAY, MAR. 23

Senior Shield Semi-Final
St. Joseph's v. South China (Navy ground, 4 p.m.)
Junior Shield Semi-Final
Sing Tao "B" v. South China (Navy ground 2.15 p.m.)

COUNTRY CLUB GOLF

Despite the heavy rain, the Mixed Foursomes Competition at the Country Golf Club, Sheungshui, was continued on Sunday when A. R. Pinna and Miss A. Sequeira beat A. W. Ramsey and Miss M. B. Churn 3 and 2, and C. H. T. Suen and Mrs. B. Botelho beat A. T. Lee and Miss C. Maxwell 4 and 2.

FANLING GOLF

In the final tie of the 1940 Captain's Cup competition of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club played at Fanling on Sunday, Mar. 16, T. Megarry (9) beat F. A. Howard (17) by 7 and 6.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND NATIONAL PARK

Growing interest in Prince Edward Island National Park is reported by the Department of Mines and Resources, which has recently issued an attractive folder descriptive of this unique sea-shore resort. Although established only in 1937, Prince Edward Island National Park has already earned acclaim as a recreational area, attracting more than 35,000 visitors in 1940.

The park contains an area of approximately seven square miles, extending along the north shore of the island for a distance of about 25 miles. Outstanding are its magnificent beaches, beaten broad and smooth by the constant action of the surf from the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Shelving gradually out into deep water, these beaches provide a maximum of bathing enjoyment under safe conditions, and are ideal for children and adults alike.

The salt water is surprisingly warm, considerably higher in temperature than at many points hundreds of miles to the south along the Atlantic Coast.

Life-guard service is provided during the summer season, and a number of modern bath-houses have been erected for the use of visitors to the park beaches. Sand dunes which rise to a considerable height back of the beaches afford ideal picnicking locations.

The new Green Gables golf links provide an opportunity for play in

one of the most attractive and romantic settings on the continent. Skirting the sand dunes along the sea shore and extending back into the pastoral landscape, the 18 holes form a delightful combination of seaside and inland course resembling some of the links of Scotland.

Many points of interest portrayed in the novel "Anne of Green Gables" and associated stories have been woven into the layout of the links. The original farmhouse of Green Gables has been faithfully preserved and is used as a tea room.

SEVERAL HOTELS
Boating, fishing and tennis are also available to visitors to Prince Edward Island National Park. Accommodation is provided by a hotel and bungalow camp situated within the park and by several hotels a short distance outside of the park boundaries.

In addition, public camp-grounds have been established in the park for the use of visitors and picnickers.

EASY WIN FOR RECREIO IN JUNIOR CRICKET

BY "BARNABAS"

ALL CRICKET MATCHES BUT ONE ARRANGED FOR LAST SATURDAY WERE POSTPONED ON ACCOUNT OF THE SODDEN state of the ground. The only match played was the Junior League encounter between Recreio and the Indian R.C. at King's Park. As a result of this match, which Recreio won easily, the Portuguese are now at the head of the Table, having four wins in five matches to their credit. They have only one other match to play.

At the moment, the Junior Noronha opened the Recreio in Championship is still open. Three teams, Kowloon C.C., Recreio and Craignower are in the running for it, in that order of preference. I have given Craignower third place because I think that their chances of winning it are pretty slender as they still have to play against both Kowloon C.C. and Recreio.

Should Recreio win their last match, which will be against Craignower, the Kowloon C.C. will have but to win one of their remaining two matches and draw the other to make sure of the Championship.

RECREIO-INDIANS MATCH

To return to the Recreio-Indian R.C. match on Saturday, the former batted first and declared at the respectable score of 140 runs, in the collection of which they lost only two wickets.

Eddie Soares (doesn't he turn out for their first team?) and A. E.

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I. R. C. SKITTLED
M. A. Remedios and Eddie Soares caused a collapse in the Indian batting. They skittled them for 58 runs, the former taking 4 wickets for 14 runs and the latter 4 for 12. Only A. R. Sufflad and F. A. Curreen seemed to be able to stand up to their bowling. Sufflad scored 26 runs and Curreen 15.

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COURT MARTIAL OF SCOTS SOCCER PLAYER

PRIVATE DAVID FLEMING, Royal Scots Regiment, who plays at inside-right for the battalion football team, was charged at a Court Martial held at Murray Barracks yesterday with being drunk on the football field during the First Division League match between Royal Scots and Middlesex at Sookunpoo on Mar. 1.

The Court comprised of Major J. M. Browning (President), Rajputana Regiment, Capt. A.O.G. Mills, R.A. and Lieut. Willoughby, Middlesex. Capt. H. C. Harland, Royal Scots, was the Prosecuting Officer, while accused's "friend" was Lieut. C. R. Jones, Royal Scots.

Giving evidence, Capt. A. C. Patterson, R. Scots, said he was in charge of the football team and also was accused's company officer. On Mar. 1 he saw accused, before the start of the match, drinking something from a glass which looked like beer.

During the game he noticed, from accused's actions, that he was drunk.

Questioned by the Defence Officer, Capt. Patterson admitted that accused had been brought before him during that morning for falling out of line of march during parade and accused had told him that he had been taking aspirins.

Sgt. Fraser, captain of the Royal Scots team, said that from the antics of accused, it was quite clear that he had been drinking. Evidence was also given by Sgt. Ferguson and R. S. M. Goodfellow.

ACCUSED TESTIFIES

Accused, in evidence, stated that he first took sick at Sun Wai Camp where he had a tooth extracted. On the morning of Mar. 1 he took quinine, and this made him feel sick in the stomach and he was cautioned by Capt. Patterson for falling out of line of march.

Before the game he was drinking an Orangette with Pte. Allan and played badly as he was feeling very sick. Accused said that he was definitely not drunk.

Pte. I. Saw, captain of the Middlesex Regiment football team, said he knew accused whom he had played against many times. Accused appeared to him as if he was playing as usual on Mar. 1.

Evidence for the defence was given by Pte. A. Sowerby, Pte. W. Spooner, Cpl. J. Wilson and Pte. K. Hodkin who all testified that accused appeared sober and did not show any signs of having been drinking.

Hearing was adjourned to this morning at 9.30.

BADMINTON RESULTS

Following are results of badminton championship matches played last night at King's College:

Men's Junior Doubles: P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu beat E. A. R. Alves and P. P. Botelho, 17-15, 15-10; C. G. Pereira and A. E. Xavier beat J. Hool and T. B. Teoh, 15-8, 15-11; A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth beat P. A. Yvanovich and B. T. Gosano, 15-2, 15-5. Mixed Doubles: Patrick Wong and Miss O. Ribello beat E. and Mrs. Zimmermann, 15-0, 15-4.

COMBINED SMALL UNITS SPORTS

Preliminary heats for the Combined Small Units Individual athletic meeting were held yesterday at the Chatham Road field.

The following are the successful contestants who will enter the finals to be held tomorrow afternoon:

100 yards: Sgt. Manfield, R. A. F. Martin, R. A. S. C. Brown, Senior and Baggs.

200 yards: Manfield, Martin, Tartt and Brown.

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COMING EVENTS

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18—Tides: High 12.57 a.m. and 12.41 p.m. Low 6.08 a.m. and 7.22 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.30 a.m.; Sunset 6.33 p.m.
Crown Land Sale, D. O. Taiipo, 11.30 a.m.

H.K. Schools Musical assem. concert, D.B.B.
Rotary Club Tiffin, H.K. Hotel, 1 p.m.

Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.
Mrs. Lechmere Chit's Bible Class, 9, Hillwood Road, 10.30 a.m.

S. and S. Home: Prayer and Fellowship Meeting, 8.30 p.m.
Small Units Athletic Meeting, Chatham Road.

Lecture by Dr. J. E. Dovey on "First Aid to the Injured," S.C.M.P., 5.30 p.m.

19—Tides: High 2.07 a.m. and 1.1 p.m. Low 6.42 a.m. and 8.38 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.29 a.m.; Sunset 6.34 p.m.
Group Discussion at St. Andrew's Church—"God" (The Acting Vicar), 8.45 p.m.

H.K. Realty and Trust Co. Ltd. annual mtg., Exchange Bldg. (2nd floor), 11.30 a.m.

Vibro Pilling Co. Ltd. annual meeting, York Bldg., 12.30 p.m.

H.K. Rifle Assn. Shoot, Kowloon City, 1.45 p.m.

Small Units Athletic Meeting, Chatham Road.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

S. and S. Home: Home Committee Meeting, 3.30 p.m.

20—Tides: High 3.32 a.m. and 2.37 p.m. Low 7.15 a.m. and 10.13 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.28 a.m.; Sunset 6.34 p.m.
H.K. Electric Co. Ltd. Annual Meeting, 11 a.m.

H.K. Rope Manufacturing Co. Ltd. Annual Meeting, 10 Des Voeux Rd. Central, 12 noon.

H.K. Y's Men's Club Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.

Cheero Club Bridge and Mahjong.

MARCH OF AGGRESSION IN FILMS

DRAMATIC NEWSREEL OF PAST DECADE

The most dramatic newsreel shots of the past decade, taken by Paramount cameramen in every theatre of war, make up the feature length film "World in Flames," which will be released generally in Hongkong on April 1 when it will be shown at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres.

With a vivid commentary by Gregory Abbott, Gilbert Martin and Tom Chalmers, the film presents in 64 minutes an amazingly true-to-event account of the progress of history since 1929, starting with the great depression of the early 1930s up to the Battle of Britain.

It depicts the march of aggression and the horrors that follow the path of the dictators, beginning with the Japanese advance in Manchuria, continuing to the Italian adventure in Ethiopia and the civil war in Spain. Pictured also in numerous scenes is the undeclared war in China.

"HOT" SHOTS

The film is largely made up of newsreel shots that at the time of their photographing were considered "too hot" for general release. The first two reels are devoted to events leading to the general conflagration in Europe. Mussolini is shown teaching Italian youth to bear arms. Scenes are shown of America in the depression era.

Each year down to the present is followed in some detail, showing the rising power of Hitler and Mussolini. The subjugation of the smaller nations of Europe is graphically depicted and there follow some of the most awe-inspiring shots of warfare in Europe and in China that have yet been released. Horror is not spared. The film is divested of any attempt at censorship and plainly depicts the brutality of the dictators in striving to attain their goal.

AIR BOMBARDMENTS

Air bombardments, naval battles, Fifth Column activities, the plight of refugees are shown with every gruesome detail taken in. The picture ends on the note that America is ready to take up the struggle for democracy and there are graphic shots of American production warming up to the new aid to Britain.

The picture was produced by Albert J. Richard, Editor of Paramount News, and written and documented by William J. Park. Little is missed of the history of the past decade and the whole picture drawn makes a challenging and provocative screen document.

Radio Programmes

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TALK BY BRIG-GEN. FELNCH FROM THE STUDIO
Prokofiev Concerto

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Compositions of Gershwin, Cuban Overture—Paul Whiteman & His Concert Orchestra with Rosa Linda at the Piano. I Got Plenty O' Nuttin' (from "Porgy and Bess")—Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orch. and Male Chorus. Second Rhapsody—Paul Whiteman & His Concert Orchestra with Roy Barby at the Piano. Lullaby: Summertime and the Livin' Is Easy (from "Porgy and Bess")—Helen Jepson (Soprano) with Orch. and Chorus.

1.00 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Variety with The Hill Billies and Len Fills.

Vocal—Memories of An Old Cow Hand—The Hill Billies. Vocal—My First Thrill (film "She shall have music")—June Clyde (Soprano) with Orchestra. Hawaiian Guitar—Swanee Moon (Towers & Others)—Len Fills with Piano. Vocal—Do The Run-around (film "She shall have music")—June Clyde (Soprano) with Orchestra. Vocal—Carry Me Back To The Lone Prairie (Robinson)—The Hill Billies. Accordion—The Hobgoblins—Polka—Walter Porschmann. Vocal—We'll Rest at the End of the Trail (Goulton and Rose)—The Hill Billies. Hawaiian Guitar—Waiting to the Guitar—Medley—Intro: Destiny; Missouri: I Love the Moon; Alice Blue Gown: Love will find a Way; My Hero—Len Fills.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Schumann—Concerto in A Minor, Op. 125.

Gregor Piatigorsky (Cello) and The London Philharmonic Orch. conducted by John Barbirolli.

2.15 Close down.

2.45 Indian Programme.

3.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

3.32 Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—Flea on a Spruce—Teddy Powell and His Orchestra. Waltzes—Il Fleurant (film "Plegas")—Mon Petit Kaki—L'Accordeoniste Deprince and His Orchestra. Fox-Trots—I Just Couldn't Take It, Baby; Junk Man—Jack Teagarden and His Orchestra. Tangos—La Punalada; Se Lo Llevaron—Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro. Quickstep—Give Me My Ranch; Fox-Trot—Goodnight, My Beautiful—Ken Skakchips Johnson & His West Indian Orchestra.

1.00 London Relay—The News.

1.15 London Relay—Britain Speaks.

Talk by J. B. Priestley.

1.30 Portuguese Programme.

1.50 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

2.05 Piano Duets by Ivor Moreton and Dave Kaye.

Tin Pan Alley Medley No. 2—Intro. Goodnight my love; So do I; I need you; Boo-Hoo; Love Marches On; What will I tell my Heart. Tin Pan Alley Medley No. 24—Intro: When you wear your Sunday Blue; It's a lovely day tomorrow; Moonlight Avenue; Careless; A little rain must fall; I cried for you.

2.15 Studio—Talk by Brigadier General French, C.M.G., C.B.E. on "Censorship."

2.30 Variety.

Vocal—Oceans Apart (Rooney, Miller)—Judy Garland with Orch. Orch.—Play Gypsy (Kaiman)—Hungarian Gypsy Band. Vocal—Figaro (from "Babes in Arms")—Judy Garland w. Orch. Orch.—Blue, Forget-Me-Not (Banffy)—Hungarian Gypsy Band.

Humorous Monologue—Keeping a Stiff Upper Lip—Play Up and Pay the Dime—Oliver Wakefield ("The Voice of Inexperience"). Mouth Organ—Night Over Shanghai (film "The Singing Marine")—Larry Adler with Orchestra. Vocal—Chloe (Song of the Swamp) (Kahn and Moret)—The Radio Three with Their Rhythmic Rascals. Mouth Organ—You Can't Run Away from Love Tonight (film "The

Singing Marine")—Larry Adler with Orchestra and Vocal.

9.00 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

9.30 A Recital by Frederick Thurston, Wanda Landowska & Lily Pons.

Prelude Nos. 1 and 2 in C Major; Prelude No. 3 in C Minor; Fugue in C Minor for Two Voices (Bach)—Wanda Landowska (Harpichord).

Suite for Two Clarinets (Alan Frank); Prelude-March-Rondo-Di-ge-Finale—Frederick Thurston and Ralph Clarke (Two Clarinets). Lo! Here The Gentle Lark (Bishop)—Lily Pons (Soprano) with Orchestra and Flute Obligato. Fantasia in D Minor (Mozart)—Wanda Landowska (Piano). Ah! I Knew It (from "The Magic Flute"—Mozart)—Lily Pons (Soprano) with Orchestra. A Truro Maggot (Philip Brown)—In 17th Century Manner; Gigue (G. H. Floyd). Largo and Allegro Gloucoo (Galmout-Oration)—Frederick Thurston (Clarinet) and Myers Porgin (Piano).

9.45 News in French (on "Short Wave" only).

10.00 London Relay—"Scots Abroad."

10.15 Songs by Theodore Challa-pine (Bass).

Song of the Volga Boatmen (Challa-pine, Koenemann); The Prophet, Op. 49 (Rimsky-Korsakov). Slander is a whispering zephyr ("The Barber of Seville"—Rossini).

10.37 Compositions of Prokofiev.

"Love of the Three Oranges"; Marc and Scherzo—Waltz; Scherzo—London Symphony Orch. cond. by Albert Coates (Havette (from Classical Symphony, Op. 25)—Joseph Szigeti (Violin) with Piano. Concerto No. 3 in C Major, Op. 28—1st Mov: Andante-Allegro; 2nd Mov: Andante-Tema con variazione 1-5; 3rd Mov: Allegro non troppo l'istesso tempo—Serge Prokofiev (Piano) and the London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Piero Coppola.

11.00 Close down.

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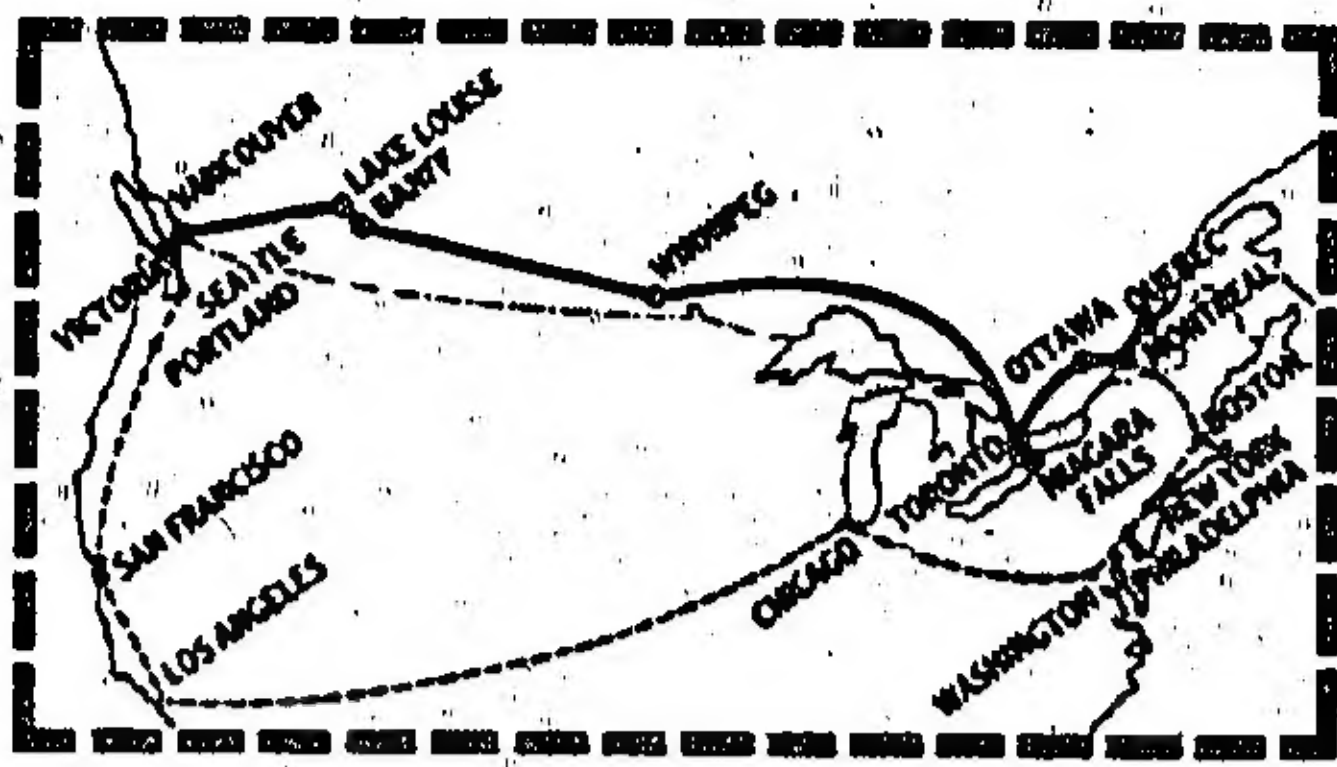
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CHINESE TAKE INITIATIVE IN HUPEH, SHANSI: HEAVY JAPANESE LOSSES, REPORT

CHUNGKING, Mar. 17 (Central)—Japanese troops in Hupeh and Shansi were subjected to widespread Chinese attacks during the past few days resulting in numerous losses, according to field reports received in Chungking.

Sharp fighting occurred on March 12 in the vicinity of Yachuehling near Ichang where the Japanese were attacked and decimated by the Chinese in a night raid. After calling up reinforcements, the Japanese on the following morning counter-attacked but were beaten back.

Following the occupation of Fengchiang south of Sientao chen, on the south bank of the Siang River, Central Hupeh, on March 11, the Chinese are rapidly advancing on the latter town. The Japanese were stated to have suffered over 200 casualties in a severe engagement with the Chinese in areas south of Sientao on March 13.

A Japanese detachment pushing west from Tsinyang in north Honan on March 13 was intercepted and repelled with losses. Another Japanese column operating west of Tsinyang was ambushed and routed.

UNIT WIPED OUT

Chinese troops attacking Tsincheng and Yangcheng in southeastern Shansi are making rapid progress. Tienchiokwan south of Tsincheng, was captured on the night of Mar. 11, while a Japanese unit at Helumiao, also near Tsincheng, was trapped and wiped out. Another Chinese column on March 14 occupied Chowcheng, village west of Tsincheng, and inflicted many losses on the Japanese garrison there despite the strong resistance offered.

Heavy fighting is developing in areas southeast of Kianghsien in south Shansi where some 7,000 Japanese troops, advancing in several columns, on March 14, launched vigorous attacks on Chinese positions under the cover of artillery bombardments. The Japanese advance is being effectively checked by stiff Chinese resistance. With the arrival of reinforcements, the Chinese are counter-attacking.

KWANGTUNG FRONT

SHIUKWAN, Mar. 17 (Reuter)—Re-occupation of Kwonghol on the Toisan coast in southwest Kwangtung at dawn yesterday was confirmed by field reports received here.

Following the recovery of Toisan, Chinese troops have been advancing rapidly, ejecting the Japanese from many coastal towns. Under the cover of darkness on March 13, the Chinese staged a surprise attack on Towhol on the Towshan-Kwonghol highway and took it, which enabled them to recapture Kwonghol on the following morning.

JAPANESE BOMB KIANGSI CITIES

KIAN, Mar. 17 (Central)—Eight Japanese planes, flying in batches yesterday raided cities in north-western Kiangsi. Several bombs were dropped on Yukiang and Fengcheng but little damage was done.

Wops Licking Wounds In Albania

Rome High Command Enraged At Debauch

ATHENS, March 17 (Reuter)—"Licking their wounds" after their unsuccessful seven-day offensive on the central battlefield in Albania, the Italians have refrained from any major attacks yesterday, said an Athens official spokesman.

The Italians appear to be busy attending their wounded and, according to prisoners, are making lying attempts to mask the extent of their debacle.

The spokesman described the Italian High Command as being enraged at the failure of their offensive despite the employment of 120,000 men.

The spokesman said that loss of the Italian effective engaged was often as high as 40 per cent.

ROME ADMISSION

LONDON, March 17 (Reuter)—The first admission that anything unusual was going on at the Greek front was made by the Rome Radio yesterday.

Referring to the announcement of yesterday's Italian communiqué, "in the course of local activity Italian troops captured arms and prisoners in the sector of the Eleventh Army," the announcer indicated that "something more than patrol activity is in progress. The action is intended as a test of enemy resistance on the Greek front where things are getting hot."

AIRMAN AS PRIZE

A battle between Greeks and Italians with a British airman as the prize, described in the Greek newspaper, Eleftheron, was quoted on the Athens radio last night.

The newspaper says that the airman baled out and landed safely near the Italian lines. The Italians prepared to take him prisoner but a band of Greeks sprang from their positions and engaged the enemy.

A hand-to-hand battle ensued which ended with the defeat of the Italians.

The British airman was taken back in triumph to the Greek line where his rescue was suitably celebrated.

VICHY, Mar. 17 (Reuter)—Mr. Frank Aiken, Air Minister for the Co-Ordination of Defence, left Lisbon on Saturday by clipper for the United States to study the possibility of buying American arms and supplies, says a Lisbon dispatch to the Vichy news agency.

NAZIS "BLACK-OUT" AIR LOSSES OVER BRITAIN

Failure Of Moonlight Raids Withheld From The Public

LONDON, Mar. 17 (Reuter)—The Nazi "black-out" of their moonlight air losses over Britain until yesterday emphasises the shock which the record of British fighters, anti-aircraft guns and "other devices" has given to the German High Command, writes Reuter's Air correspondent.

After admitting on Thursday the failure of six aircraft to return the previous night, the German communiqué gave up the tally of their own losses.

Yesterday's communiqué countered the British claim that 27 German bombers were destroyed while the moon was up from Wednesday night onwards with the admission that 21 were lost in that period.

For two days the German public had been kept in ignorance whether their bombers had "returned safely" or not and had to be content with an exaggerated tale of British losses.

The early closing of last night's raid on Britain was not due to a German desire to avoid the moon which rose shortly before the attack ended. A fog which threatened to blanket out the continental bases limited the length and scale of the raid.

The proportionate German losses last week were under 10 per cent, and not at least until that percentage is reached is it likely that the night operations of the Luftwaffe will be seriously affected.

DAYLIGHT RAIDS

Nazi operations by daylight have taken on a different emphasis.

Air Ministry communiques which have "nothing to report" underline the inability of the Nazi planes to penetrate far inland over Britain with the R.A.F. in "mastery of the daylight air" overland.

Daylight attacks on snipping with which the night hammering of ports is linked against the background of the battle of the Atlantic, may be expected to increase as the weather improves.

In the absence of particulars in the weekly Admiralty releases of tonnage sunk, it will not be easy to follow and measure their success.

COUNTERBLOWS

Counterblows against enemy shipping by the Coastal Command bombers are also increasing and the defensive arm of the command is being lengthened and thickened.

The Beau fighter, the Royal Air Force's newest night hawk, is also to be used for long range operations, the Air Ministry revealed.

BOMBER SAFE

It is now known that the air-

YUGOSLAVIA AND REICH

NEUTRALITY DESIRE REITERATED

BELGRADE, Mar. 17 (Reuter)—The Yugoslav-German negotiations are dragging on. The Nazis are still reluctant to agree to the Yugoslav proposal for a non-aggression pact based on absolute neutrality coupled with recognition of the complete integrity of Yugoslav territory and interests.

Further evidence of the firm desire of Yugoslavia to maintain absolute neutrality is contained in a leading article in the independent newspaper Politika, one of Belgrade's principal dailies.

After emphasising that strict neutrality is Yugoslavia's policy, the newspaper stresses that nobody hitherto has threatened the country, but that Yugoslavia would resist attack from any quarter.

TO FIGHT?

The Yugoslavs would reject all attempts to turn them from the path they are following today and refuse to submit "to any policy, tricks or pressure which would humiliate them in their own eyes."

In the event of such an attempt being made the nation, despite its desire for peace, would defend its freedom and independence.

Attlee Finds A Parallel

Splendid Leadership Of Mr. Churchill And Roosevelt

LONDON, Mar. 17 (Reuter)—Mr. Clement Attlee, the Lord Privy Seal, at Stoke-on-Trent yesterday said that the splendid leadership of Mr. Winston Churchill in this country had been splendidly paralleled by President Roosevelt overseas.

"The machines produced by British labour and manned by British manpower defeated the attacks made on us by the numerically far stronger German air force last summer," he said. "The same combination is carrying the counter-attack to Germany to make her wish that she had never started aerial warfare."

Hitler, speaking so often of his 70,000,000 Germans standing together against Britain, is forgetting the millions of Britons from the Empire overseas who were pouring, of their own free will, into Britain to fight for an ideal.

ADMIRAL LENT TO AUSTRALIA

Adml. Lyster Made Lord Commissioner

LONDON, Mar. 17 (Reuter)—Rear-Admiral Lyster, who commanded the aircraft-carriers from which the Fleet Air Arm bombed the Italian warships at Taranto, has been appointed Lord Commissioner of the Admiralty and Chief of the Naval Air Services in succession to Vice-Admiral Sir Guy C.C. Royle.

Promoted to Flag rank a month before the outbreak of the present war, 53-year-old Rear-Admiral Lyster was mentioned in despatches at Narvik.

Vice-Admiral Royle became Chief of Naval Air Services in 1939 and was the first important appointment made by Mr. Winston Churchill on becoming First Lord.

At 56, Vice-Admiral Royle is now being lent to the Government of Australia for duty as first naval member of the Commonwealth Naval Board.

LOVERS OF FREEDOM INSPIRED BY PRES. ROOSEVELT'S SPEECH

SYDNEY, Mar. 17 (Reuter)—"President Roosevelt's inspiring words will put fresh heart into all lovers of freedom," declared Mr. A. W. Fadden, Acting Prime Minister of Australia, yesterday. "There could be no more magnificent tonic for the British peoples and those of other democracies than the calm reassuring tones in which he pledged American help on a scale which would have been beyond the wildest dreams a few months ago."

A message from Washington states that President Roosevelt's speech is described as an "enthiculation of the aspirations of America" by Mr. Wendell Willkie, who, however, suggested that President Roosevelt's objectives would be better attainable if he delegated authority to the real Defence Commission.

"Appropriations alone will not do the job. We all pray that he meets the opportunity to become the great statesman of his generation, for he must do so if democracy is to be saved."

ATHENS COMMENT

LONDON, March 17 (Reuter)—"A political act of the first magnitude" is how the Athens radio last night described President Roosevelt's speech, adding that by it President Roosevelt has officially and irrevocably signed the death warrant of Hitler's new order.

President Roosevelt's assurance that United States aid to the democracies will be "not partial but total" is particularly welcomed in Turkey, according to the Ankara radio.

"With particular clarity," said the announcer, "President Roosevelt announces that the Nazi desire to rewrite the history of the world according to the Nazi wish and whim is once and for all banned from the sphere of plausibility."

REACTION IN SPAIN

MADRID, Mar. 17 (Reuter)—President Roosevelt's speech given great prominence in the Spanish newspapers. No editorial

FAMED BRITISH SUBMARINE

Admiralty Reports Loss Of "Snapper"

LONDON, March 17 (Reuter)—The British submarine Snapper, commanded by Lieut. G. V. Prowse, whose loss was announced by the Admiralty on Sunday evening, achieved fame for her exploits in inflicting considerable losses on German communications with Norway last summer.

On two successive days, she attacked convoys of German transports and supply ships sinking three and probably four of these vessels.

The Snapper was then commanded by Lieut. W. D. A. King who sank two other German supply ships, including the tanker Moonhound.

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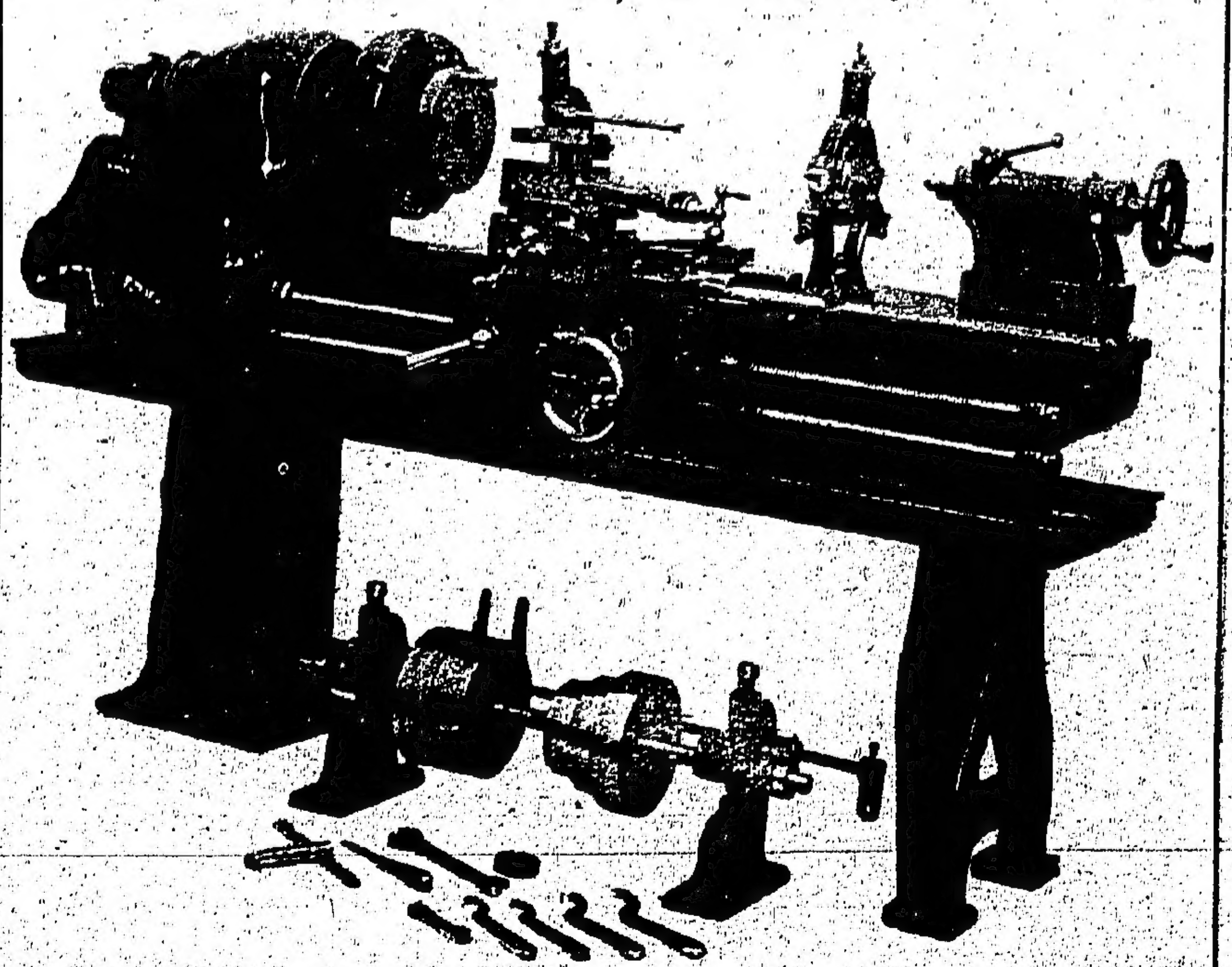
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SOCIETY WEDDING AT CATHEDRAL

Mr. John Barrow And Miss Katherine Collie

A wedding of considerable interest in social circles was solemnised at St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon when MISS KATHERINE ELLINOR COLLIE, nursing sister of the Queen Mary Hospital, became the bride of MR. JOHN BARROW, M.A. (Camb.), District Officer, North, New Territories.

ROOSEVELT GIVES THE ANSWERS

PARAMOUNT NEWS OF MUCH INTEREST

With the eyes of the world focused on America the latest Paramount News, which will be screened in conjunction with "Rhythm on the River" (starring Bing Crosby, Mary Martin and Basil Rathbone) should prove of more than ordinary interest.

Taking the form of an interview with President Roosevelt, it gives his answers to some of the questions which Americans have been asking every day.

FOR THE FUTURE

Some of the questions put to President Roosevelt were: How great is our danger? What do you believe the dictators want? If we do not fight, what protection do we have? How then do you define our national policy? And, for the future?

The President's replies were given without hesitation, and in most unmistakable language.

The second part of the Newsworld shows the inauguration of Mr. Roosevelt on Jan. 20, 1941, as President of the United States for the third term.

Sarah Simple

TONIGHT'S SPECIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE SERVICES

A special performance of "Sarah Simple" has been arranged for men of the Services tonight.

A. A. Milne's play is very light fare, full of amusing and swift dialogue and scenes and it provides admirable distraction from the cares of war, income tax and evacuation.

HEAVY BOOKINGS

The opening night is tomorrow and the play will run until Saturday. Booking for seats at \$3.30, \$2.20 and \$1.10, is being handled by the Anderson Music Co. and it would be as well to book as soon as possible as the last nights are already heavily booked.

The number of invitations accepted by the Services for tonight promises a full house for this comedy of the vague inventor, who named the wrong man as co-responder when his wife left him. This slip leads to complications and trying situations on his charming wife's sudden return, just as he is attempting to establish a liaison with the attractive, but conventionally-minded, widow of a Canon.

THE CAST

The cast is headed by Shellah Mackinlay as the lovely Sarah Simple, Claude Burgess as her corkscrew inventing husband, and Day Sage as the attractive widow, a part which carries some of the most shattering lines in the play.

Joan Critchett and Tim Fortescue are the soulful, adolescent twins, and W. E. Kirby gives a cameo of a depressed detective-minded 'pub waiter'.

St. John Ambulance Brigade

A course of instruction in "First Aid to the Injured" in English will be given by Dr. J. E. Dover, in the Board Room of the South China Morning Post Ltd., Wyndham St., Hongkong (by courtesy of the Management) as under:—

Commencing Tuesday, March 18, 1941, at 5.30 p.m.—Lectures.

Commencing Friday, March 21, 1941, at 5.30 p.m.—Practical.

The above course is open to the General Public, and is specially recommended to anyone desiring to join the St. John Ambulance Brigade as a regular member of the A.R.P. Auxiliary Reserve of the Brigade.

The Very Rev. J. L. Wilson, M.A., Dean of the Cathedral officiated and Mr. J. R. M. Smith, B.A., Mus. Bac., A.R.C.O., A.R.C.M., was at the organ.

The bride is the elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson Collie, of Edinburgh, while the bridegroom is the elder son of Major-General H. P. W. Barrow, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., O.B.E., late the A.M.S., and Mrs. Barrow, of Epsom, England.

FRENCH SATIN GOWN

The bride, who entered the Cathedral on the arm of Colonel Kidd, looked charming in a white French satin gown cut on Princess lines with long, tight sleeves. She wore a tiara of orange blossoms which held in place her long tulle veil that reached to the hem of her train. The bride carried a sheaf of arm lilies.

The Misses Fielder and Baker, as bridesmaids, wore white and green dotted organdie frocks cut on period style with picture hats trimmed with green ribbon. They carried posies of pastel shade African daisies.

THE RECEPTION

Following the ceremony a large-attended reception was held in the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel and among the guests were the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith (Colonial Secretary) and Mrs. Smith, Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall, Misses Doris and Helen Kotewall, Hon. Mr. C. G. Perdue and Mrs. Perdue, Hon. Mr. W. J. Carlie, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo and Mrs. Lo, Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Valentine, Dr. N. C. McLeod, Dr. and Mrs. S. K. Lam, Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Thomas, Lieutenant-Comdr. and Mrs. J. C. M. Grenham, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. L. Kadoorie, Mr. J. H. B. Lee, Mr. Tang Shu-kin, Mr. and Mrs. Eu Tong-sen, Lt. Max Oxford, Miss Phyllis Harrop and many others.

CADET OFFICER

Mr. John Barrow, who is a Cadet Officer and a popular member of the Civil Service Cricket Club senior cricket team, arrived in the Colony in 1927 and two years later was appointed Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs. After being 4th Assistant Colonial Secretary, Mr. Barrow was for various periods Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.

Before being appointed to his present post as District Officer, North, Mr. Barrow was Police Magistrate, Assistant Superintendent of Imports and Exports and Acting District Officer, South.

FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS

The following forthcoming marriages were announced at the Registry yesterday:—

Mr. Manuel Chan Mun-gee, assistant manager, of No. 5 Morrison Street, and Miss Helen Tse Wei-hing, school teacher, of No. 9 Electric Road;

Mr. Rattan Singh, motorcar driver, residing at unnumbered house at Tai Wan Road, Hung Hom, and Lam Fung, widow.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY OBSERVANCE

St. Patrick's Day was observed by members of the local Irish community by the laying of a wreath at the Cenotaph at noon yesterday, the ceremony being performed by Mr. C. E. Terry, President of the St. Patrick's Society.

Among those present were Mr. J. O'Donovan (Vice-President), Mr. Justice E. H. Williams, Lt.-Comdr. J. C. M. Grenham, Surgeon Lt.-Comdr. J. A. Page, Capt. G. H. R. Hyde, Messrs. B. H. C. Halliwell, F. Shanks, D. J. S. Crozier, W. O'Neill, R. J. Minnett, F. Kermaghan, J. D. Murphy, P. Fitzpatrick, G. N. Davitt, A. H. Guinness, and E. A. R. Fowles.

It is announced that as from today the Banks in the Colony will be opened for exchange business from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. and from 2.30 to 3 p.m.



Mr. John Barrow and his bride, formerly Miss Katherine E. Collie, after their marriage at St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon. —(King's Studio).

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

FORGED DOCUMENT

Chan Sang, 20, unemployed, appeared before Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday on a charge of demanding money by means of a forged document.

It was alleged that defendant feloniously demanded the sum of \$120 from Li King-chau at No. 163 Des Voeux Road Central, second floor, on March 15 by virtue of a note, purporting to be from one Cheong Yan-leung, knowing same to be forged.

Det.-Sgt. W. Summers, who is in charge of the case, told the Court that some others were involved and asked for a 12 hours' remand, which was granted.

DEPORTEE IN COURT

Tam Wing, 25, unemployed, was sentenced to four months' hard labour by Mr. Lowry yesterday for a breach of the deportation order.

Sgt. Pockson said that defendant, banished on July 25 last for 10 years, was arrested on information on Saturday.

It was stated that defendant had four previous convictions.

PICKPOCKET CONVICTED

Mak Kai-kong, 19, unemployed, charged with larceny from the person of Lau Lin of \$50 Chinese currency at Peel Street, near Queen's Road Central, on March 16, was sentenced to nine months' hard labour by Mr. Lowry yesterday.

Det.-Sgt. H. B. Dewar said that complainant was walking along the street at 3.30 p.m. on that day, when defendant picked the money from his pocket. On discovery of the theft, he arrested defendant after a chase.

Defendant was stated to have five previous convictions.

ASSAULT CONVICTED

Convicted on a common assault charge, Chung Shing, 37, cargo coolie, was fined \$75, or six weeks' hard labour, and ordered to sign a personal bond of \$200 to be of good behaviour for one year, by Mr. Sheldon yesterday.

Mr. Hui-shing Lo, assisted by Det.-Sgt. R. Macvey, was for the prosecution, while defendant was represented by Mr. Alfred S. K. Lau.

The case for the prosecution was that defendant had a quarrel with complainant, Li Kau, 42, coolie, over some rice swept up from the holds of a Norwegian boat on Jan. 19. The next morning complainant left his house and was going to a tea-house when defendant threw a bucket of corrosive substance over his face.

Yesterday witnesses were called by defendant to give evidence to the effect that he was working on the night in question aboard a ship lying in midstream and that he did not go ashore until the next morning.

Defendant was also ordered to pay \$75 compensation to complainant, in default, a further six weeks.

HAWKER FINED \$100

Charged with a breach of the new Public Entertainment Tax Ordinance, Cheung Tong, 23, hawker, was fined \$100 or two months' hard labour by Mr. Lowry yesterday.

Det.-Sgt. H. B. Dewar said that at 7.15 p.m. on Sunday, Chinese detective C450 was on duty in Des Voeux Road Central. On seeing defendant standing in front of the World Theatre, he approached him, who offered him (detective) some cinema tickets. After buying two 20-cent tickets for 80 cents, the detective revealed his identity and arrested him.

Two others, Siu Wai, 25, and Wan Sum, 24, both unemployed, were fined \$15 or three weeks' hard labour by Mr. Sheldon for a similar offence.

Insp. F. I. J. Portallion said that they were arrested while trying to sell tickets outside the Oriental Theatre, Fleming Road, Wanchai, at 2.15 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. Wan had 25 tickets in his possession at time of arrest.

AT KOWLOON

CANING FOR JUVENILE

Sentence of six months' hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane was imposed by Major A.N. Macfadyen yesterday on a 16-year-old boy for larceny of 80 cents from a hawkker.

Sgt. A.L. Gordon, prosecuting, said that about 1 p.m. on Sunday while complainant was watching a procession at Portland Street the boy put his hand into complainant's pocket and took away the money. This was seen by a district watchman who arrested him. Defendant threw away the money which was picked up by others who escaped.

THEATRE TICKET RAMP

A 18-year-old married woman was charged before Major Macfadyen yesterday with selling entertainment tickets at a place other than the ticket office.

Defendant was arrested while selling tickets, outside of the Sun Wah Theatre on Sunday. She was fined \$5.

STONECUTTER'S SHOOTING

The shooting of a junk foki at Stonecutter's on Saturday morning by Indian policemen had a sequel before Major Macfadyen yesterday when Lo Hoi, 38, married woman, and Leung Choi, 17, splinter, were charged with approaching a protected area without permission.

It was stated that defendants and first accused's husband rowed a sampan to Stonecutter's on Saturday morning. They ignored the challenge of the sentry. The junk foki was alleged to have raised his oar in an attempt to strike the policeman who drew his revolver and shot him. The foki was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital in a critical condition.

Defendants were ordered to sign a personal bond of \$3 to be of good behaviour.

ALLEGED BURGLAR

Appearing before Major Macfadyen yesterday, Kong Chong, 22, was charged with larceny of fixture, a motor pump, from a house at Tokwan, property of Huen Yan-chak.

Det.-Sgt. H. J. Baldwin asked for a remand of three days which was granted.

CONVICTION REGISTERED

Yiu Yee-shui, 30, and Chan Chun-lung, 17, were charged as stowaways before Major Macfadyen yesterday.

Accused were ordered to pay \$4 amends to the Butterfield and Swire Company or to serve seven days in prison each.

SEAMAN CHARGED

George Ball, 42, seaman, was charged before Commander T. C. Stiff at the Marine Court yesterday with absconding himself without leave from a British ship on March 14 and 15.

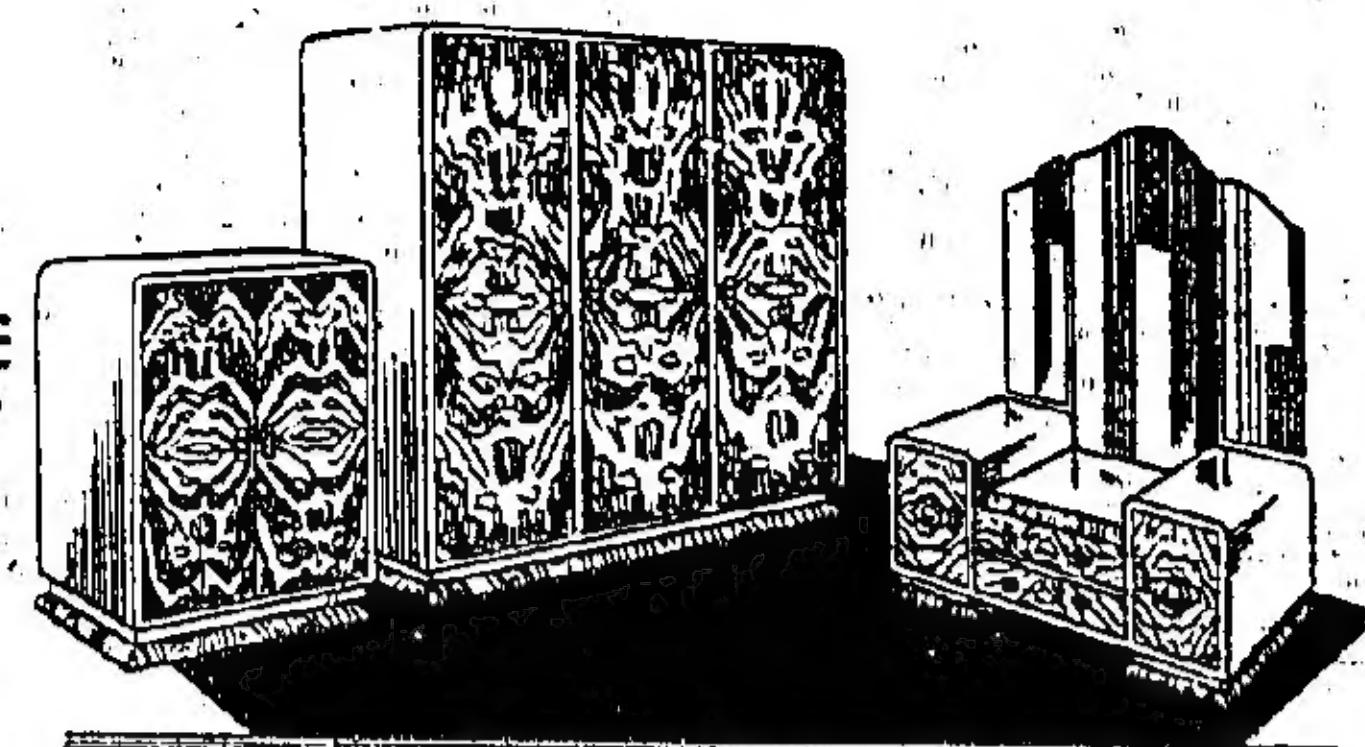
Sgt. Davies asked for a remand of 48 hours for further enquiries. Hearing was fixed for tomorrow at 2.30 p.m.

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TRESPASSERS FINED

Tang Ming, Tang Cheong, Chung Ming, Wong Tim, Fung Lin, and Lau Ping were charged before

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CLAIM FOR \$23 -RENT SUCCEEDS

A district watchman, Lo Chun, appeared before Mr. Justice Williams at the Summary Court yesterday as defendant in a claim brought by his principal tenant, Chow Hang, who claimed for four months rent at \$5.75 per month.

Plaintiff, in evidence, stated that she was the principal tenant of No. 139 Third Street, third floor. Defendant rented the rear cubicle from her on July 30 last at a monthly rental of \$5.75. The last payment of rent was on Nov. 1 and she was claiming four months' rents. On the night of Feb. 18 defendant left the flat.

WIFE TESTIFIES

Wong Chun, wife of defendant, stated that the monthly rental was \$4.50 and she paid this to plaintiff. They left in February because plaintiff told them to. On Jan. 25 she tendered to plaintiff two months rent but this was refused. Judgment for \$20, with costs of the action, was given by his Lordship to plaintiff, payment to be paid by monthly instalments of \$4.

GUNSHOT WOUNDS

Chung Ming, 32, Wong Tak, 25, and Li Kwan, 25, all residing at No. 25, Connaught Road Central, ground floor, were admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital on Sunday suffering from gunshot wounds, alleged to have been inflicted by Japanese who visited Ma Lam Tau, Chinese territory, a week ago. The three men arrived in the Colony yesterday by fishing junk.

Mr. S. F. Balfour yesterday with trespassing in a prohibited area, namely Pineapple Pass Dam, on March 16, while the first two accused were also charged with unlawful possession of 36 catties wolfram ore, and were fined \$25, or three weeks' hard labour, each.

CAUTIONED

Two Chinese, O Ka and Sund Chun, were discharged with a caution by Mr. Balfour yesterday when they appeared before his Worship charged with trespassing at No. 2 Hill, Shing Mun Mines, on March 15.

BOUND OVER

Pleading guilty to the charge of stealing 66 catties of wild tree wood at Castle Peak Road, near Chung On Street, on March 16, Liu Chun was bound over in the sum of \$10 to be of good behaviour for one year by Mr. Balfour yesterday.

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THE REGISTER OF DEBENTURES will be closed from TUESDAY, 25th MARCH, 1941, to MONDAY, 31st MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of DEBENTURES can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

O. EAGER,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 18th March, 1941.

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CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSUMERS.

Notice is hereby given that the Company's standard charges will be increased as from 17th March, 1941, by adding a 10% surcharge to the amounts charged for electricity consumed for lighting and power as per meters read on and after 24th April, 1941.

The existing scale of discounts will remain in force.

By order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON,

Manager.

Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

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THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1941.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,

Secretary & Manager.

Hong Kong, 7th March, 1941.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:—

"1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hongkong currency, part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of April One thousand nine hundred and forty-one in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every three shares of the Company held by them respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1941.

2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share."

By order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,

Agents.

Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

NOTE:—

Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong on or before the 30th September 1941 and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

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ARMED ROBBERY

Li Choi, 41, shop keeper, was the victim of an armed robbery last night when three men, two armed with a revolver, entered his house, No. 5, Ngau Chi Wai Village at 8.20 and stole \$4. The robbers were last seen in the direction of Shek Kiu Lung Village.

Money and jewellery, valued at \$417, were stolen when someone gained entrance into No. 80, Peel Street, ground floor, the residence of Leung Ho-ki, in the early hours of yesterday morning.

Convicted of obtaining \$30 and three pieces of cloths from Chu Cheuk-wing by false pretences, Wong Cheung-mun, 28, was sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. H.C. Macnamara yesterday.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

HONGKONG REALTY AND TRUST COMPANY, LIMITED.

(Incorporated under the Companies Ordinances of Hong Kong)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of Hong Kong Realty and Trust Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Exchange Building (2nd Floor), Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 19th March, 1941, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended on the 31st December, 1940, and re-electing two Directors and the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Thursday, the 6th March, 1941, to Wednesday, the 19th March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

F. C. BARRY,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 12th February 1941.

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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building on Thursday, 20th March, 1941 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1940 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 8th March to 20th March, 1941 both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.

Agents.

Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

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CHINESE NATIONAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

CHUNGKING, Mar. 17. (Reuters)—Following yesterday's inauguration of the Chinese National Press Association, the first national press body in China, the Association cabled separately to the press of the United States, Britain, the Soviet Union, Germany and France urging closer co-operation for the furtherance of closer understanding in the relations of their peoples.

The press of 24 provinces, and municipalities were represented, including Shanghai and Hongkong. The manifestoes, while pledging fullest support for the Government, urged Government to allow the press to give full and constructive reports and criticisms without which the success of Chinese resistance and reconstruction would be greatly obstructed.

HUGE DONATIONS TO FATHERLAND

Approximately U.S. \$15,000,000 has been contributed by overseas Chinese in North and South America in aid of the fatherland since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities, according to overseas Chinese who arrived in Shanghai by the President Pierce. Of this amount about \$10,000,000 was contributed by the overseas Chinese in the United States. It is understood that most of the overseas Chinese make monthly donations of U.S. \$5 each. (Central News)

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"TOTAL EFFORT" IN AMERICA

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S scathing denunciation of the "dictatorships"—"those modern tyrants and their so-called New Order" as he described them—has revealed what is undoubtedly the most spectacular defeat that Herr Hitler and his partners in aggression have ever suffered in the present war. The President certainly set a precedent for outspoken criticism and his words are regarded as almost implying active participation in Britain's war than that of a non-belligerent non-neutral. That seems to be the impression created on the ordinary lay mind, which believes now that America's entry into the war against the Axis Powers is only a matter of time. Indeed, the same impression appears to have arisen in America itself, where Mr. Wendell Willkie's suggestion that the President's objectives will be the more readily attainable if he delegates authority to a Defence Commission is interpreted as a cautious reminder that the United States should be kept out of being embroiled in any hostilities unless the Axis Powers extend their aggression to American interests. Whether this interpretation is correct or not, there is no doubt of the tremendous moral effect of the President's speech. The Axis Powers may well be pictured as reeling under this powerful verbal thrust which has been aptly described as the first blow of the spring offensive of the Democracies.

IT IS NOT, however, difficult to see exactly what President Roosevelt intended to make plain to the world at large—it was to make a final declaration that the United States would never again stand for any form of appeasement or compromise with the aggressors; that the United States was wholly and determinedly resolved to help the cause for which Britain, Greece and China were battling so gallantly; that the United States would now throw the whole weight of her resources, financial and material, into a "total effort" on the side of the Democracies; and that, in short, the Axis Powers should no longer have any doubts of just where America and her people stand and that they should realise, for all time, that no amount of propaganda or threat, vile, subtle or cunningly organised, would have the slightest chance of shaking the United States from the position she has taken. The most critically-minded Americans must accept the President's speech as a definite assurance that the Dictatorships cannot win this war when the result of the country's "total effort" gets into its stride and in that assurance lies the most complete answer to any fears that the United States will be committed to participation in the hostilities, whether she is herself attacked or not.

THE PICTURE of the Axis Powers receding from this bitter attack on them and

CORRESPONDENCE

DANCE COMMITTEE OF A.N.S.

(The Editor, H.K. Daily Press)

Sir,—May I through your columns extend the grateful thanks of the Dance Committee of the Auxiliary Nursing Service to all the ladies, gentlemen and firms who contributed to making our dance a success, and particularly to:—

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Our special thanks are due to the local press, both English and Chinese, for a very valuable publicity.

Yours faithfully,
GERTRUDE M. MACGREGOR
Chairman, Dance Committee,
A.N.S.

CHUNGKING DENIES PACT RUMOURS

CHUNGKING, Mar. 17. (Central)—Authoritative Chinese quarters yesterday categorically denied the rumours circulated by the Japanese Domei Agency to the effect that a Chinese aircraft factory in Yunnan had recently been removed to Burma which, the agency alleged, indicated the imminent conclusion of an Anglo-American Military Alliance. The rumours were described as being entirely baseless.

their systems is not an exaggerated one. The manner in which Herr Hitler side-stepped making any reference to the President's speech confirms this. After all, what reply could even Herr Hitler have made to this frank avowal of America's intention to stand solidly behind Britain and her allies and to the vehement criticism of their methods? Herr Hitler is certainly not in any position to deny any of the charges made against him and the monsters of inhumanity that he has gathered around him to do his bidding. Nor is he able to belittle the strengthening of the resistance against him by America's decision. What the German Fuehrer is now faced with is the problem of beating the time factor and to do this he will wield his ruthless power now on his own people and those who are associated with him and the hapless victims who have been brought under his heel. He gave the world a brief indication of this when he warned the German people that they will have to make greater sacrifices and that they would soon have to face the test of their staying power. No more quick, decisive and overwhelming action was promised them—no more boasts of bringing Britain to heel on some particular day or month was held up to his listeners. The best that the German radio could do to cheer up the German people was to repeat that, despite the decision of the United States to help Britain, England would be destroyed. The test of this statement will soon come.



Mr. C. E. Terry, President of the Hongkong St. Patrick's Society, laying a wreath at the Cenotaph yesterday at noon. (King's Studio).

LIFE ON BOARD MODERN WARSHIPS: EVERY SAILOR A TECHNICAL EXPERT

An interesting account of how the work done by men on warships have changed since the war broke out was given on Sunday by CAPTAIN HENRY ("TAFFRAIL") DOWLING, when he broadcast from London. He pointed out how the men had to be ready for action day and night and tried to picture the strenuous life they led.

"Every section of the sky has to be watched for those tiny shapes which may herald an enemy air attack," said "Taffrail," "and for every flutter on the waves which may mean the presence of a submarine. The look-outs have to be doubled and there can be no relaxation of the watch."

READY FOR ACTION

The speaker went on to describe how anti-aircraft guns had to be kept in a manner ready for instant action. When anyone went on board a modern warship he would find a mass of complicated machinery.

"A warship, today may carry a variety of guns, from 16-inch in the turrets to the pom-poms for fighting aircraft," said "Taffrail," "and the crews have to be highly trained. Each gun has its own system of firing rules and all these requirements have created a new breed of seaman."

"Seamanship itself has not changed much in 25 years, but weapons do change very rapidly and it is to use these weapons that your modern seaman scientist exists. In one form or another, every sailor now becomes a technical expert and that applies to every branch of the service."

The speaker mentioned that he had been on board every class of battleship. What struck him particularly was that today their crews were drawn from every part of the British Empire. On a cruiser he visited there were two Canadian officers, two New Zealanders and one South African. The commander had paid a tribute to 25 seamen on board from New Zealand. The oldest man on board was the sea-cook, who was 59, and the youngest was a bugler of the Royal Marines, who was 15.

"The Navy is not given much publicity," went on "Taffrail." "In the Admiralty communiqué you hear little of the actual war at sea and the life of the men. In the last few months communiqué have told us quite a lot about the work of the Mediterranean Fleet under Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham and I need not tell you again how much the Mediterranean Fleet has helped in the campaign in Libya."

"But the whole Navy has been working in their areas as well. Take the raid on the Lofoten Islands and the work of others who have to be constantly moving up and down the coast in the English Channel and round the British Isles."

LIFE ON BOARD
"Taffrail" next referred to the life of the men on board the warships. None of them knew where they were going to and what they were going to do when they received orders to steam away. They spent 25 days a month at sea and there was not much comfort for them with the ships blackened down at night and the guns manned for instant action.

Even in their brief spells in harbour there was little incentive to go ashore and he knew men who had not stepped outside their ships for six months. Most men on these warships read a great deal in their spare time and many of them had their own hobbies. There was also plenty of work to be done in keeping the ships clean and efficient, said "Taffrail," who concluded with paying a sterling tribute to Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham.

"I need not tell you that he will spare no effort to repeat what he did against the Italians in the Mediterranean against the Germans," said the speaker."

ACADEMIA SINICA CONFERENCE

The first annual conference of the 2nd Advisory Council of the Academia Sinica was adjourned on Saturday following a two-day session.

Important resolutions passed at the conference included the formation of a Chinese Society for the Promotion of Academic Studies, the convocation of a National Academic Conference in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, and an annual appropriation of \$10,000 for offering academic courses in memory of Dr. Tsai Yuan-pai, the late President of the Academia Sinica.

The Yang Chuan Memorial Scholarships for the current year were awarded to Lu Kan (\$1,500), and Wang Chen-to (\$500). Honorary awards were given to Li Li-tsan and Lu Shih-hsien.

The Li Chun-cheng Memorial Scholarship for the current year was awarded to Li Shang-yun, Chang Fang-tso, Kung Shu-mun and Hsu Yung-yi who jointly invented the new small-sized spinning machine.

It was decided to hold the next annual conference in Chungking in March 1942. Members of the 2nd Advisory Council were entertained at a

KWANGTUNG BANK BRANCHES

In order to facilitate remittances by overseas Chinese to China, the Provincial Bank of Kwangtung is planning to set up more branches and agencies in the South Seas regions.

It is understood that the Ministry of Finance has given approval to the establishment of a branch at Kuala Lumpur and another at Ipoh. Mr. Yun Ying-po, an official of the Singapore Branch of the Bank, is said to have been commissioned to organise the two offices. (Central News)

RELIEF FUNDS

The Kwangtung Provincial Relief Commission has remitted \$100,000 relief funds and despatched a number of relief units to the districts in southwestern Kwangtung recently recovered from the Japanese.

The Commission, it is understood, has also petitioned the National Relief Commission for an appropriation of \$200,000 for relief in those areas. (Central News)

Lu Chien party given by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek at his official residence. (Central News)

WORKING TOGETHER:

The Office Worker Pulls His Weight In Britain's War Effort

"The office worker is determined to beat Herr Hitler even if it means fighting him with batteries of typewriters and umbrellas," said MR. V. FEATHER, a London office worker, when he broadcast from London yesterday in the series "Working Together."

Mr. Feather, who said that he was a Yorkshireman and that he lived just out of London, described his daily trip to London by train. He pointed out how sociable his railway companions in the present days were and how friendly the conversation that took place.

DIFFERENT TOPICS

Previously, he said, it took him as much as three months to make friends with anybody in the train. In the early days of the war the conversation moved around mainly on business matters. A stock-broker would, for instance, discuss a deal he did the day before.

"Conversation today is on different topics," said Mr. Feather. "The subject of growing potatoes or whether the soil should be treated with potash or soda are some of the topics. The golf course has now taken second place to the garden, and the managing director is not ashamed to explain how he has been using a spade in his garden."

Mr. Feather also referred to a conversation that took place in connexion with bombing raids, and declared that the man who could produce a piece of shrapnel or a bomb was sure of a big audience in the train. He knew one man who carried about a very heavy piece of a bomb and his story about it was even heavier!

IN THE OFFICE

"Referring to the work in the office, Mr. Feather described arrangements made by each firm for their staff to move into air raid shelters."

"In the early days," said Mr. Feather, "as soon as the siren sounded, everyone went to shelter. All offices have reinforced basements for that purpose and stocks of biscuits and canned food, mostly from Australia, were laid in for an emergency, and even radio was installed, as it was expected that we would have to be in the shelter for some time."

"After this has continued for a while, there was a spontaneous move to suspend work only when enemy aircraft could be seen, and later some firms even decided to continue work whether Nazi planes were

overhead or not. The reason is that we have got to the stage where the novelty has worn off."

AFTER WORK

Describing the home journey from the office, Mr. Feather said that the main objective was to get home as quickly as possible, but many office workers abandoned their black coats to don battle dress, and dropped their brief cases to pick up their rifles and bayonets. All these workers were members of the Home Guard and Mr. Feather mentioned one interesting aspect of the war in which an insurance clerk, for example, would have under his command a bank manager or a managing director. All these members of the Home Guard did their duty free, and it was interesting to see a retired major taking a refresher course in bayonet fighting.

Many office workers who did not know how to handle a rifle had now become crack shots. Others were Air Raid Wardens and fire fighters. Typists, after putting away their note-books, become nurses or telephone operators at the fire stations.

PULLING HIS WEIGHT

Mr. Feather concluded by saying how grateful the office workers were for the merchant seamen and the Navy for keeping their communications open while they, in their offices, continue to make out invoices and documents necessary to keep their trade going.

"The office worker of London is certainly pulling his weight and will not fall down on his job, which is to maintain the great tradition of Britain as the bulwark of democracy," said Mr. Feather.

"We did not seek this war. We wanted peace. But the surrender of freedom and liberty is far too high a price to pay even for that. One thing is that Nazism and Fascism must be beaten and when the balance is struck the world will find that free men and women can accomplish far more than Nazism or Fascism."

ITALIAN INFANTRY MOWN DOWN BY ACCURATE GREEK ARTILLERY

LONDON, Mar. 17 (British Wireless).—Messages from war correspondents with the Greek Army on the Albanian front state that the Italian forces thrown into the offensive launched at Signor Mussolini's orders six days ago are put at 120,000 men, operating on a front of about 20 miles.

Mussolini, the messages state, have lost several of his closest collaborators, including six members of the Fascist Grand Council, of whom some, like Professor Pellegrini, have been taken prisoner and others, like Barbellini, have been killed.

The Italian losses are estimated at some 50,000 men killed, wounded or captured. The debacle is attributed by the correspondents to the accuracy of the Greek artillery fire, the skill and ability of the machine-gunners and alertness of the infantry as well as to the lack of morale in the Italian troops.

Whole Italian regiments, it is stated, have been flung against positions held only by small Greek detachments, only to be mown down by shell fire when they were still 500 yards from their objective.

What enthusiasm these unfortunate troops had when they started soon evaporated. Their formations were broken up and thrown into a state of confusion, the officers trying vainly to restore some sort of order at revolver point. But few of them lived to return to the starting point.

VALONA BOMBED

A communique issued by the headquarters of the British Air Force in Greece states that successful attacks were made by R.A.F. bombers on enemy aerodromes at Berat and Valona yesterday.

At Berat, a number of aircraft on the ground were destroyed and others damaged. A petrol dump was set on fire, the resultant blaze being visible for a distance of 50 miles.

Direct hits on the runway were scored at Valona and four aircraft on the ground were destroyed and others probably damaged.

All our aircraft returned safely.



The star dressing room of a famous London theatre is now the office of Mr. Cecil Madden, BBC producer of Overseas programmes, who is here seen at work in the room which has in the past been used by such stars as Marie Tempest, Lillian Braithwaite, Alice Delysia, James Welch, Cyril Maude and Ernest Thesiger. Light entertainment programmes are now broadcast from the stage of this famous old theatre—now taken over by the BBC for its greatly expanded Overseas Service.

Direct Hit On Public Shelter In Raid On Bristol

MANY PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND INJURED WHEN A PUBLIC SHELTER IN BRISTOL RECEIVED A DIRECT HIT during a raid which lasted for some hours on Sunday night, states a London message.

Damage was also caused by explosive bombs and by fire.

A NEWSPAPER OFFICE was hit and although it suffered badly from the blast the paper was published as usual yesterday morning.

Due to prompt action, all fires were quickly dealt with and did not provide targets for successive waves of bombers.

One enemy aircraft is known to have been destroyed.

In Westminster yesterday morning people were queuing up to have their gas masks tested with a form of tear gas. This practice will be carried out in a different area each day.

No damage was caused in the raids on the east coast of Scotland and in other districts, where bombs were dropped, not much damage was done.

ANOTHER DOWNED

Another enemy bomber was shot down off the South Coast on Saturday.

WEEK'S LOSSES

For the week just ended the balance in the loss of aircraft is 5 to 1 in favour of Britain.

The enemy lost 110 planes and British losses were 22 with some of the pilots safe.

Of the enemy planes destroyed, 42 were shot down over Britain, 60 in Africa, two by the Navy and six over the Channel.

RAID ON MALTA

A large formation of enemy planes headed for Malta on Sunday but turned away before they reached the coast, states a London message. Single aircraft later dropped bombs which did no damage.—(Special)

2,000 PLANES A MONTH

With American assistance, Britain is now receiving 2,000 planes a month for her Air Force against Germany's 2,500, states a message from Sydney. By the end of the year America alone expects to produce 2,000 planes a month.—(Special)

NAZI CONSULATE IN TANGIER

TANGIER, Mar. 17 (Reuters).—The German Consulate is reopening here today, reoccupying the building which was the German Consulate before 1914.

This has been the official residence of the representative of the Sultan of Morocco known as the Mendoub.

Dr. Nearing is appointed the German Consul.

It is not explained what happened to Herr Mendoub nor whether this conflicts with the recent Anglo-Spanish interim agreement concerning Tangier.

ITALIAN SOMALILAND:

Enemy Calculations Upset By Speed Of British Drive

CAIRO, March 17 (Reuters).—The rapidity and suddenness of the British Imperial advance, upsetting entirely the enemy's calculations, constitutes the main reason for the smashing victory in Italian Somaliland.

Information received from Cairo military headquarters indicates that the Italian General Officer Commanding in Somaliland did not dream that the advance would be made until after the rains, or three months later than it actually was.

It appears that our motor transport leaves the enemy gapping at its quality and the equipment generally makes them envious.

The behaviour of the Askaris (Italian native troops) too, has been disappointing and can be attributed to the determination of the British aerial and artillery attacks, in addition to the morale of the natives being extremely low owing to poor food, bad equipment and no pay.

Furthermore, much faith was placed in the River Juba's natural defences, which were considered almost insurmountable.

Military quarters conclude: "There appears to be a very bitter feeling between the Royalists and the Fascists, the former providing the majority of the regulars taking orders from the 'political soldiers' placed in command by Fascism."

U.K. MEDICAL SCHOLARS

To Complete Education In America

NEW YORK, Mar. 17 (Reuters).—British medical scholars will be brought to the United States to complete their education here, with the assistance of the Rockefeller Foundation.

The Foundation announces that it has received the assent of 23 leading Canadian and United States medical schools to accept them.

The announcement adds that the task has been undertaken following a suggestion by Lord Lothian, late British Ambassador, just before his death.

NEW POLICE FORCE IN SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI, Mar. 17 (Reuters).—Looking extremely smart in their new uniforms the joint Sino-Foreign Police Force began operating in the "Badlands" this morning.

The Commissioner, Mr. C. C. Pan, told pressmen that he was determined to purge the area gradually and hoped to turn the "Badlands" into "Goodlands."

RICE RATIONING IN TOKYO

TOKYO, Mar. 17 (Reuters).—For the first time since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese conflict in 1937 rice rationing will be enforced in the Tokyo urban prefecture. The measure will come into force on April 1.

THAI GOVERNMENT CONGRATULATED

TOKYO, March 17 (Reuters).—Japanese reports from Bangkok state that the German Minister there congratulated the Thai Government in the name of the Nazi Government on the recovery of her lost territories.

MEASURES FOR EXAMINATION OF OCEAN-GOING EXPORT CARGO AND PASSENGERS' LUGGAGE

A COPY OF THE NEW REGULATIONS, TO BE ENFORCED ON APRIL 1 NEXT, for the examination of ocean-going export cargo and outward passengers' luggage, has been received from the Superintendent of Imports and Exports.

In connexion with outward cargo, all cargo for loading into ocean-going ships must be weighed and/or measured by the Sworn Measurers ashore to enable concurrent examination of contents by Revenue Officers. Shippers must give the Sworn Measurers at least 24 hours' notice of the time and place their cargo will be ready for inspection.

SHIPPING ORDERS

Shipping orders, in triplicate, for all export ocean-going cargo, including transshipment cargo, must be presented to the I. & E. Department (anti-sabotage sub-department) before the loading on board ship, at which office the shipping orders will be stamped either (a) passed for free loading (in the case of exemption from examination), or (b) examined and passed.

A declaration on a special form signed by a responsible member of the shipper's firm, or by the individual shipper, that the contents of the packages are exactly as described and that they undertake to ship only such cargo as is described thereon, together with Examined Certificate issued by the examining Revenue Officer, have to be handed in at the same time as the shipping orders.

As to transshipment cargo, on through Bill of Lading, are to be handled only by and landed only into approved godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Holt's Wharf, China Provident, and the China Navigation Co.

Steamship agents are required to forward to the anti-sabotage sub-department of the I. & E. Department a separate list of all transshipment cargo it is intended to load in any ocean-going steamer with particulars of origin and place of storage and to present shipping orders for endorsement.

HEAVY BAGGAGE

All heavy baggage of Cabin passengers have to be sent in advance to the respective Godown Co.'s depots. The Revenue officers stationed in Kowloon will inspect baggage in the Godowns by appointment prior to loading on board ship. Passengers should give the keys to their forwarding agents, or the Godown Co.'s, to permit of any package being opened for examination, as failure to do so may result in locked boxes being forcibly opened.

In the case of ships alongside wharves in Hongkong or lying in the stream, PASSENGERS SHOULD SEND ALL HEAVY BAGGAGE TO QUEEN'S PIER, at a pre-arranged time fixed and notified by the Steamer's Agents, where a Revenue Officer will be sent to examine and pass it.

Cabin baggage, or hand luggage, will be searched on coming aboard by the ship's guards or personnel assisted by the Revenue Officer on duty.

The foregoing orders do not apply to River steamers.

Emigrant ships will, in future, shift to the Emigrant Anchorage, when ready to take on board her deck passengers, where these passengers will embark at a pre-arranged time notified to the I. & E. Department (anti-sabotage sub-department) and the Harbour Office.

No deck passenger is to be allowed on board before the appointed time and only a limited number of boarding house runners, issued with a pass by the Steamer's agents and distinguished by an armband, will be permitted to board the ship and must leave immediately their work is finished.

DECK PASSENGERS

For ordinary deck passengers, luggage will be examined on board by both the Revenue Officers and the Police.

The order concludes: "Once a passenger has embarked on board a ship, he should not be allowed to go ashore again. Should a passenger be found to be missing before a ship sails, his luggage and cabin should be carefully and thoroughly examined and searched at once."

COLONEL DONOVAN RETURNING HOME

LISBON, March 17 (Reuters).—Before Colonel William Donovan, President Roosevelt's special envoy to Europe, left for home by Glipper on Saturday, he had an interview with Sir Samuel Hoare, the British Ambassador to Spain, who came to Lisbon a day or two ago by car from Madrid.

It is understood that they discussed the question of supplies to Spain, Portugal and Unoccupied France.

Colonel Donovan also conferred with Dr. Antonio de Oliveira Salazar, the Portuguese Premier.

CZECH FREEDOM

Mr. Hugh Dalton, Minister of Economic Warfare, told Czech soldiers yesterday, according to a London message, that Britain would always be their faithful ally.

"Your freedom shall be restored and your right to live in the new Europe."

He congratulated Dr. Benes and Gen. Sikorski on the intimate relations between the Czech and Polish Governments which he said would contribute to the nucleus of the new Europe.—(Special)

An unprecedented event in the music world of Chungking took place on March 12 when a chorus of 1,000 voices, representing 21 units and accompanied by all military bands of the city, presented a programme at the New Life Model Centre. The programme was broadcast by the Central Broadcasting Station.—(Continued)

Words More Direct

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NEW YORK, Mar. 17 (Reuters).—President Roosevelt's speech is enthusiastically received by the majority of newspapers throughout the United States.

Many newspapers openly suggest that America is now at war and playing a positive role by encouraging raids on Germany and by stirring Balkan resistance to the Axis.

The only criticism hitherto appears in the CHICAGO TRIBUNE which declares that Mr. Roosevelt is giving away with both hands and receiving nothing in return.

The NEW YORK TIMES declares that America's decision marks a real turning point of the war and of the destiny of free men everywhere.

The NEW YORK HERALD-TRIBUNE says the call is for genuine sacrifice and everyone will be eager to respond.

EFFECTIVE REPLY

CHUNGKING, Mar. 17 (Reuters).—President Roosevelt's speech was featured in banner headlines in all vernacular newspapers this morning.

Mr. Roosevelt's speech is an effective reply, says the TAKUNG-PAO, to the rumours circulated from Japanese sources alleging that Mr. Laughlin Currie, head of the United States Economic Mission to China, upon his return to Washington from Chungking, urged that no further assistance be given to China.

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H.K. Jockey Club's Generous Donation

The Committee of the British War Organisation Fund are most grateful to the Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club for their most generous donation of \$30,000. Subscriptions received to date are as follows:—

Previously acknowledged, \$100 and \$852,381.12.

D. G. Day (monthly) \$15. A. H. Guinness (monthly) 20. A. M. Kennedy (monthly) 30. J. S. Dunnett (monthly) 20. L. E. N. Ryan (monthly) 100. Royal H.K. Golf Club proceeds of Ladies' Spring Stapleford Competition 10. Nestlé's Milk Products (China) Ltd. 1,000. Capt. J. J. Loasby (Feb.) 20. D. E. Clark (monthly) 50. "G" 500. Sale of 1 C.H.S.S. Badge per Lady MacGregor 1. The Members of the staff of the "Hongkong & Whampoa Dock" in Memory of the late Mr. J. G. O'Leary 150. Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Horden (monthly) 10. Mrs. Mason

A DEFENCE OF THE KING OF BELGIUM

BY JOHN CUDAHY

Below is the 2nd instalment of an extract from Life of Nov. 25, 1940, written by MR. JOHN CUDAHY, former United States Ambassador to Belgium, in which he clears King Leopold of the Belgians, of the charge of "treason." (We are indebted to the Belgian Ambassador to China for the article).

It was a little after 5 o'clock on May 10 when the Germans came, emerging from the disc of the rising sun like dark geese on the Wexford Flats. There were twelve of them in this first squadron and a little behind and to the left another group of the same number. They were flying low, perhaps 2,000 feet and far above them two white fighters hovered. All the anti-aircraft guns set off with a great row.

There was the smashing concussion of artillery and the rattle of machine-guns as the German fliers passed out of sight to the west, but it was not till the enemy had completely and effectively disappeared that the sirens emitted their warning, which continued at intermittent intervals for the next six days and nights, making the nights hideous, and sleep a thing of distant memory.

FEELING OF NAUSEA
After the war planes had gone, a feeling of nausea took possession of me at the realisation of the carnage and misery about to be visited upon the innocent heads of a happy people whose hopes and fears I had shared for nearly six months. But it was

no time for sentiment. I went back to get dressed; there would be plenty to do during the long day ahead.

Then came a rending crash like a striking bolt of lightning and I felt a concussion in the pit of my stomach. Falling glass tinkled on the pavement in front of the Embassy and I remember wondering why the ceiling and walls did not crumble. But we had not been hit. The bomb had struck a house facing the little park Frere Orban, at a diagonal distance of 50 yards. A few minutes later there was another crash on the Rue Belliard, our next street to the south, and we learned that another bomb had struck in front of the Embassy of the Reich. The Germans were showing no partiality.

When it became evident that nothing could avert the storm and only force could answer force, the King left during the late night hours of May 9 to take personal command of his armies in the field. And at last the question of military co-operation between the armies allied for the defence of Belgium was determined.

On May 12 a meeting was held for this purpose at Casteau near Mons, attended by Leopold, Lord Gort, Commander-in-Chief of the British Expeditionary Force and General Billotte of the French Army. It was agreed at this meeting that General Billotte would have direction of operations and that the Belgians and British would be subject to his orders, he in turn being under the supreme command of the Generalissimo, Gamelin.

FIRST LINE OF DEFENCE
The first line of Belgian defence was the Albert Canal, a narrow artificial waterway which paralleled the Dutch frontier, a few miles from the border line and extended from Antwerp east to the River Meuse. A few days after the opening of hostilities, this primary position had been penetrated when German tanks passed over the bridges of Maestricht, Vroenhoven, Veldwezelt and Brielgen and moved rapidly into the interior of Belgium.

Why these crucial crossings were not destroyed "has never been satisfactorily explained," to use the cryptic words of the Belgian General Staff. But once the Canal was passed, this whole line became untenable and the Belgian Army had no other course but to fall back to a series of strong points and fortifications which had been carefully prepared 40 miles further west.

This Iron Wall was designed as the decisive defence of the country. It described a bow formation from Antwerp, Malines, Louvain, and Wavre to the fortress of Namur on the Meuse, and was considered an almost unassailable stand. A great fortune had been spent in the construction of large gun emplacements, artillery posts, cement casements, and steel tank barriers, and the Iron Wall had the same symbolic significance of security for the average Belgian as the Maginot Line had for the people of France. Foreign military observers held nearly the same sanguine view of its effectiveness.

SUBORDINATE ROLE
The Belgian plan of campaign was never built upon the conception of standing alone and unsupported. On the contrary all strategical and tactical training had been based upon a subordinate role to the British, and especially the French Army, which was regarded as the strongest military power in Europe and whose General Staff was considered the ablest in the world. That is why King Leopold so readily yielded the ultimate command of his armies to French authority and placed in the hands of the French the destiny of his country.

Hardly had defensive positions been consolidated on the Antwerp, Malines, Louvain, Namur Lines when news came of the capitulation of the Dutch army and the crushing defeat of General Giraud's army in Holland. This meant that if the Germans were advancing in strength across Holland, the Iron Wall of Belgium might be turned on its left flank. Following this disconcerting prospect came the heart-breaking order from General Gamelin that there would be no fight on the Iron Wall.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

89 Cases Of Cholera

The following is the Return of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 48 hours ended at midnight on Mar. 16:—Cholera, 89 cases; Diphtheria, three cases; Measles, one case; Cerebro-Spinal Fever, two cases; Dysentery, six cases; Tuberculosis, 25 cases.

CHOLERA AMONG PRISONERS

Eight cases of cholera among prisoners in Stanley Gaol were detected a few days ago and the men have all been taken to Hospital. Men entering the gaol are now segregated until tests have been made to ascertain that they are not infected.

FUNERAL OF C.N.A.C. PILOTS

The funeral services for the late Mr. Bernard Wong and Mr. K. C. Wu, pilots of the China National Aviation Corporation, who were killed in a plane crash near Kian, Kiangsi, on the night of January 24, was held yesterday afternoon.

At 3 p.m., a religious service was conducted at the funeral parlour of Anderson and Co., undertakers, at No. 2 Caroline Road, under Pastor Shang Shih-chieh.

Following the service, the remains of the two deceased were borne in a funeral procession to the Hindu Crematorium where they were cremated.

Both Mr. Wong and Mr. Wu were killed in a tri-motored Ford plane which was on a chartered flight from here to the interior. Killed in the same crash were Mr. Y. K. Kwong, and C. Y. Yeh, C. N. A. C. staff members and Chen Chao, employee of the establishment chartering the plane.

Mr. Wong, 31, a native of Tolsan, Kwangtung, was born and educated in Chicago, while Mr. Wu, 34, a native of Amoy, Fukien, was born in Java and studied aviation in England. Both had served in the C. N. A. C. for about ten years.

Both Messrs. Wong and Wu were married about two years ago. Mr. Wong is survived by his wife and a daughter only four months old.

THOSE PRESENT

Those present besides the chief mourners were: Mr. W. L. Bond, (Vice-President), Mr. P. Y. Wong, (Managing Director), S. Y. Chao, (Hongkong Manager) of the C. N. A. C., Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Pott, Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. R. Leonard, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. H. L. Woods, Mr. W. C. MacDonald, G. D. Tye, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Lym, Mr. and Mrs. K. Y. Wong, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Chan, Mr. and Mrs. P. Y. Wong, Mr. and Mrs. T. Haynie, Messrs. Lau Sing Keng, Kwok Leung-pat, Leung Kwok Yew, Cheung Kam-cheuk, Hung Yue-keung and many others.

Among the profusion of wreaths sent were those from: his loving wife, Staff of C. N. A. C., Messrs. Hung Kwai Chu, Hung Yue Chu, Hung Luen Chu, Hung Kwok Chu, Cheung Kam Cheuk, Leung Kwok Yew, Wong Kin Chor, Kwok Leung Pat, Lo Shing Ho, Eurasia Aviation Corporation, Yuen Cheung, Kwok Leung But, Ng Sze Hung, Chung Yin Yun, Hong Wuen Shan, Lee Lai Fun, Pang Yin Ching, Ip Yee Ting, Mrs. Wong Choy Lym, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kwan Yee, Mr. and Mrs. Wong Kweim Man, Lau Sing Keng, S. W. Lee and Leo Leong, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Thom, Mr. and Mrs. T. Haynie, Mr. and Mrs. Willy Wong.

POLICE REPORTS

Mr. D. J. Sloes, Vice-Chancellor of the University, has reported the theft of a gold watch and money to the total value of \$114 from his residence on Sunday.

Three Chinese males, Chung Ming, 32, Wong Tak, 22, and Lin Kwan, 25, of No. 25, Connaught Road Central, ground floor, were admitted to Queen Mary Hospital on Sunday, all suffering from gunshot wounds.

In a report to the Police, they alleged that the wounds were inflicted by Japanese soldiers, when they visited Ma Lam Tau district.

MINE EXPLODES

Several houses were damaged, walls being cracked and windows shattered, when a mine exploded on the beach by Shap Lung Village, about a mile and a half south-west of Silver Mine Bay (Lantau Island), last Wednesday. There were no casualties.

NEW APPEAL FOR THE TROOPS

Broadcasting an appeal for books, gramophone records, playing cards, table games, portable gramophones, wireless sets and any similar goods, Lt. Col. H. A. Lord, of the Salvation Army, stressed the need for service units in Malaya getting their share of reading material.

Lt. Col. Lord said:

"I am speaking on behalf of the Services Entertainments Committee which has been formed to co-ordinate the requirements of all the units of the various services. 'The Command Welfare Officer, Captain Sandy, is able to receive and tabulate the requirements of all units, no matter where they may be stationed, and deleting the necessary names of units and places, can put before our committee the most urgent requirements. 'The greatest demand at the present moment is for books, gramophone records, table games and gramophones.

NO DUPLICATION

"Working as we are through this Co-ordinating Committee in conjunction with the Command Welfare Officer, there is no question of duplicating or subsequent loss of material due to change of units. 'Although thousands of books and magazines and many hundreds of records have already been received and passed on, the needs are as great as ever.

"The General Manager of the Federated Malay States Railway has kindly consented to deliver goods sent by rail free of charge at the Garrison Book Depot, situated at the Salvation Army Headquarters, Tank Road.

"I cannot too strongly urge upon all who are listening in this evening the very great and immediate need. I suggest, particularly to secretaries of clubs, that you may have a considerable number of discarded playing cards. These will be most acceptable.

PENGUIN BOOKS

"It has also been suggested that some may like to give three new books of the paper-covered Penguin and similar series, each month; or perhaps you would like to send a dollar monthly for the purchase of three new books of this type. If so, we shall be happy to make such arrangements.

"Please go through your book collections and magazines and gramophone records, table games and such like things that you may have and send them without delay. 'These may be delivered at the Garrison Book Depot, c/o the Salvation Army Headquarters, Tank Road. This is fairly central for most people and they can be left here any time of the day or night, on the way to or from the office, so as not to require a special journey. We regret that owing to the petrol rationing it will not be possible for us to come and collect the books as before.

"He gives twice who gives quickly."

Japan Piling Up Munitions In Thailand

SAIGON, March 6.—An authoritative foreign source stated recently that "the Japanese are accumulating huge stocks of arms and munitions in Thailand."

"During the last four months, I closely followed the movements of the Japanese ships Saigon Maru and Bangkok Maru and several times boarded them when they entered Saigon," this source said. "During these four months, these ships brought at least 60,000 tons of armaments to Thailand."

"The Saigon Maru sailed for Bangkok from Saigon March 4, carrying almost 5,000 tons of armaments. At least one more Japanese ship carries armaments from Japan to Thailand, but I do not know the details about that."

Captain Tatsui Kolke, acting head of the Japanese military mission in French Indo-China, admitted that Japanese ships were carrying munitions to Thailand.

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Finance and Commerce

CANADIAN WOOL MUST BE IMPROVED TO MEET COMPETITION

Many Canadian manufacturers do not use Canadian wool because of the indifferent manner in which a large part of it has been produced and marketed. Unless Canadian wool is graded and put on a comparable basis as nearly as possible to that of imported wool, Canada is likely to lose the ground already gained in her own and most logical market—the Canadian manufacturing industry—stated A. A. MacMillan, Production Services, Dominion Department of Agriculture, in his address to the annual meeting of the Ontario Sheep Breeders' Association, held recently at Toronto.

The greatly increased volume of wool now being used as a result of the war has brought Canadian wool into competition with New Zealand, Australian, and South American wool to a greater extent than ever before, explained Mr. MacMillan.

Consequently there is grave danger of Canada losing her best market for wool—the home market—to her sister Dominions and to foreign countries. It has therefore been necessary to take another step forward in the Canadian wool marketing programme, and to this end regulations were passed last summer respecting the grading of unwashed fleeces wool. These regulations became effective so far as the 1941 wool clip is concerned on January 1, 1941.

NO COERCION

There is no coercion to the Canadian wool producer contained in these regulations. The producer may market his wool how

and when he pleases. Complete exemption is made for wool used in home spinning and weaving and for handicraft production. On the other hand, the regulations are specific as regards the responsibility of wool buyers and there are many reasons why this should be.

There is need for improvement in approximately two-thirds of the Canadian wool clip, for one thing. Like that produced in any other country Canadian wool is of many different qualities, each grade being best suited for a particular purpose.

The grading of the 1941 wool clip and subsequent clips, as soon as sold by the producer, makes it possible for all sellers of wool to offer graded wool to the trade with a short period of time after the clip is shorn. This prevents speculation in wool and places the entire clip on the market, so that competition in purchasing is encouraged to the greatest possible

SALE OF WARTIME BONDS

The Wartime Bonds Campaign launched on Mar. 4 is making satisfactory progress. A grand total of at least \$1,000,000,000 is expected to be raised. The Financial Company of the Campaign anticipates to raise \$6,000,000, while several companies organised by other circles have also raised sums above the \$1,000,000 mark.

Mr. Huang Yen-pei, leading member of the People's Political Council and Secretary-General of the Wartime Bonds Campaign Committee, is planning to visit Hongkong next month to push the sale of the bonds.—(Central News).

extent. This ensures a better market at more uniform prices.

MUST SHOW GRADE

Buyers must now purchase wool on grade and the settlement statement to the producer must show the grade, the weight, and the amount paid. Each producer's lot of wool must be tagged, so as to maintain its identity through to the authorised warehouse and the grading table.

A wool-grading certificate showing the correct grade will be issued to each producer.

Wool will now be graded only in authorised wool warehouses located in each of the provinces. In addition, wool delivered to woolen mills by the producer will be graded at the mills.

The number of wool warehouses authorised in each province will depend largely on the extent of the sheep industry and the basis of marketing wool. This extension of wool grading will give encouragement to all sheep breeders to pay more attention to the production and marketing of wool in all its stages, resulting in a better product, a better price for each grade, and more satisfactory conditions to all concerned in the industry.

IMPROVEMENTS AT PORTS

Shipping Official's Suggestions

Lowering of the sewerage tunnel under the Yarra at Spotswood was an essential for improving Melbourne's ports, Mr. G. J. Edwards, shipping manager, told the Public Works Committee recently. He gave evidence for the Overseas Shipping Representatives' Association.

He said that at present the tunnel limited river shipping to vessels of under 28ft draught.

He suggested the restriction of Appleton Dock construction to six or eight berths and postponement of the widening of the river to free money for a new pier at Port Melbourne capable of taking the largest ships.

WET DOCK

By the time the pier was built shipowners believed Melbourne would need a wet dock at Port Melbourne near the mouth of the river. Prince's Pier could be improved with three or four cranes on either side and a cargo shed instead of passenger accommodation.

Speed in handling our perishable exports was becoming more essential. Ships on the home run should not have to go up river to load.

\$1 Million Appropriated For Relief

SHUI KWAN, Mar. 17 (Central).—Responding to the request from General Yu Han-mou for funds for the relief of war refugees in Szechwan which was recently desolated by the Japanese during their occupation, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has ordered the National Relief Commission to appropriate \$1,000,000 for the purpose. Meanwhile, General Chiang said, officers of the Commission are being dispatched to Szechwan to assist in the execution of relief measures in conjunction with officials of the Kwangtung Provincial Government.

PUBLIC WELFARE WORK IN YUNNAN TOLD

Public welfare work in the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui's Yunnan-Kweichow diocese since he assumed charge of the missionary duties there last summer was described by Dr. Y. Y. TSO, Assistant Bishop to the Rt. Rev. R. O. Hall and formerly Professor of Sociology at St. John's University, Shanghai, in an interview with the Central News.

Dr. Tso returned to Hongkong a few days ago from Shanghai where he attended the annual Bishops Conference and has already returned to his post in Yunnan, via Rangoon and the Burma Road.

Of the public welfare services in his diocese, Dr. Tso mentioned particularly the Transport Workers Welfare Association which was organised last fall to provide comfort and amusements for the numerous truck drivers there. The idea of forming such an association, he said, was conceived by Bishop Hall and himself. Steps were taken and a fund campaign was launched.

Dr. H. H. Kung, Vice-President of the Executive Yuan and Minister of Finance, was invited to be the Honorary Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Fund. Bishop Hall became Chairman and Mr. O. K. Yui, Director of the Central Trust of China, Vice-Chairman. Mr. A. J. Campbell, U.S. Treasury Representative in Hongkong, and Mr. C. Y. Wann, Co-Director of the Finance Department of the Ministry of Communications were honorary treasurers and Mr. C. A. Blum, China Representative of the United States Rubber Export Co., and Mr. R. Y. Cheng, Chinese Director of the Skoda Works in China, were honorary secretaries.

The trustees included Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Director of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Prof. R. C. Robertson, Mr. J. K. Bousfield, General Manager of the Asiatic Petroleum Co., Mr. R. Pearson, of the Standard-Vacuum Oil Co., and Dr. Tso himself.

STANDING COMMITTEE

A Standing Committee stationed at Kunming was formed with General Kung Hsueh-sui, Deputy Director of the South-west Transportation Administration, as Chairman and Dr. Tso, as Vice-Chairman.

A total of HK\$10,000 was raised in the fund campaign, and with the money work of the Association was commenced. Two service centres were recently established in Paoshan and Kutsing in Yunnan. These centres, somewhat like a Y.M.C.A., provides sleeping quarters and baths for the truck drivers after a day's work. There are also a clinic, a reading room and a games room.

The two centres, Dr. Tso said, are now operated on an experimental basis. If found successful, more of them will be established at key points along highways in Yunnan and Kweichow. He estimated that the maintenance of each centre entails from HK\$2,000 to HK\$4,000. Financial and other support for the centres has been secured from the Central Trust of China, the Salt Administration, the Postal Administration and other communication organs.

YOUNG CHINESE

Dr. Tso estimated that there are between 3,000 and 4,000 truck drivers operating on the highways.

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	100	8.15
	100	8.15

The total value is \$32,795.00.

FARM MACHINERY SALES

There were 20,988 farm tractors sold in Canada in 1940 an increase of 56 per cent over the sales made in 1939. Of the total 13,181 were sold in the five provinces of Western Canada; 2,385 in Manitoba; 6,150 in Saskatchewan; 4,247 in Alberta and 399 in British Columbia.

The remaining 7,787 tractors were sold in the Eastern provinces as follows: Ontario, 5,760; Quebec, 1,483; the three Maritime provinces, 548. Seventy-seven per cent of the tractors sold last year were equipped with rubber tires. Sales of threshers totalled 833 in 1940 of which Western Canada bought 498; and Eastern Canada 335. A total of 5,110 harvester-com-

biners were sold in 1940, of which 4,775 went to Western Canada and 335 to the Eastern provinces.

In addition 624 swathers and 1,573 pick ups were sold in the Western provinces and one and 128 respectively in Eastern Canada.

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The purchase of the rice mill and its operation shortly by the Government are in accordance

with the original scheme to ensure staple foodstuffs for Malaya always, a high official told the Malaya Tribune.

Though there are many other Government rice mills in the country, Singapore will be the source of supply for all the other centres.

Meanwhile, I understand that Government, besides storing rice in large quantities, has also large stores of padi.

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VILLAGE SETTLEMENTS PROJECT AROUSES KEEN CHINESE INTEREST

Keen interest has been aroused among local Chinese circles by the Hongkong Government's project to encourage village settlements on the southern shore of Lantau Island and along the coast of Port Shelter from Ho Chung to Tai Wan.

Since the announcement of the project, numerous inquiries have been made at the Village Settlements Committee and its sub-committees and applications for allocation of agricultural plots are being received in increasing numbers.

During the last few days many Chinese parties and individuals interested in the project have made investigation trips to the four settlement areas on Lantau Island demarcated by a Government survey party after a tour of last Monday and Tuesday. Three of these areas are at Ta Ti Tong, Pak Ngan Heung and Luk Ti Tong in the Silver Mine Bay region and a fourth at Shek Pik Wai.

At the invitation of Mr. R. N. L. Senior Camp Overseer, and member of the Medical and Welfare Sub-Committee of the Village Settlements Committee, two representatives each from the Ta Kung Pao and the Central News Agency toured these settlement areas last Saturday. They met on the way an investigation party organised by the Gardeners' Union and another group. The gardeners' party declared that they were looking into the possibility of planting flowers in the demarcated areas.

From the farmers the newsmen learned that many inquiries had recently been put to them regarding the climate, soil, plants and other particulars.

SUITABLE CLIMATE

Great possibilities are visualised in the development of these demarcated areas. The climate and soil are understood to be suitable for the cultivation of potatoes, turnips, carrots, beans, peanuts, and onions. Fowls and cattle may also be raised.

The presence of a waterfall, and wells and brooks help irrigation. The waterfall may also be turned into water power for utilisation.

The Government is understood to be taking energetic steps toward the realisation of the settlement project. Tenders are being invited by the Public Works Department for the construction of Medical Administration Huts, Communal Reception Huts, Communal Kitchens and Communal Latrines.

To safeguard the health of the future settlers the Government is determined to rid the settlement areas of malaria. A malaria expert has been appointed to take charge of the anti-malaria work. Working under him are about fifty men. Similar anti-malaria methods as successfully adopted in Ngau Tau Kok will be carried out there.

To facilitate communication a road will be constructed between Silver Mine Bay and Nam Tin, measuring about nine miles. When completed, this road will help avoid the inconvenience of heavy surf along the western shore during the typhoon season. Other means for improving transportation facilities are also under consideration.

SELF-GOVERNMENT

A form of self-government will be introduced among the future

settlements. The Government's plan to provide medical and sanitary arrangements, water supplies, communal kitchens, food stores, materials for temporary huts, seeds and tools, and a certain amount of subsistence in the early stages of settlement are most welcomed.

Stress is laid on the permanency of the project rather than a mere defence precautionary measure calculated to relieve the congestion in the slum areas in Hongkong. It is pointed out that an assurance of permanency will be a great encouragement to the prospective settlers.

High hopes are pinned on the successful execution of the Government project for building up modern rural communities on a self governing and co-operative basis as a good example of social reconstruction.

MANCHELL, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—Mr. Matsuo, Japanese Foreign Minister, continued his trip to Moscow today without leaving the train during its few hours' stay here.

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From 18 to 24 Mar. 1941.

Days of Week	Date of Month	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Tues.	18	00:57	4.4	08:08	2.8
		12:41	6.5	19:22	1.8
Wed.	19	02:07	4.8	06:42	3.1
		13:32	6.4	20:38	1.9
Thur.	20	03:32	4.4	07:17	3.6
		14:37	6.2	22:18	2.0
Fri.	21	05:15	4.1	08:07	3.9
		15:57	6.1	23:44	1.9
Sat.	22	06:57	4.4	10:01	4.0
		17:22	6.1		
Sun.	23	07:53	4.8	00:44	1.6
		16:34	6.1	11:48	3.9
Mon.	24	08:26	4.8	01:27	1.6
		19:34	6.3	12:14	3.8

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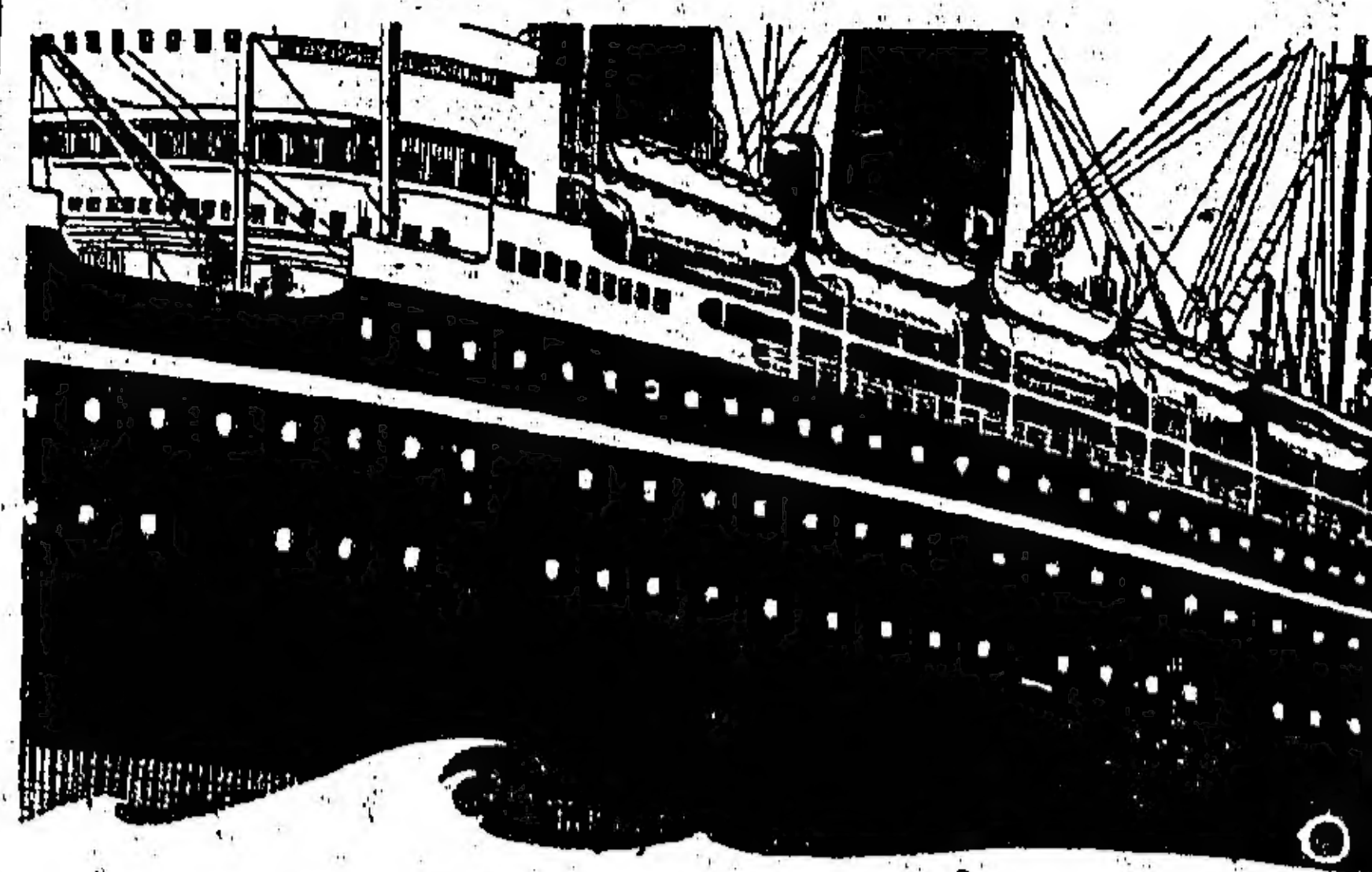
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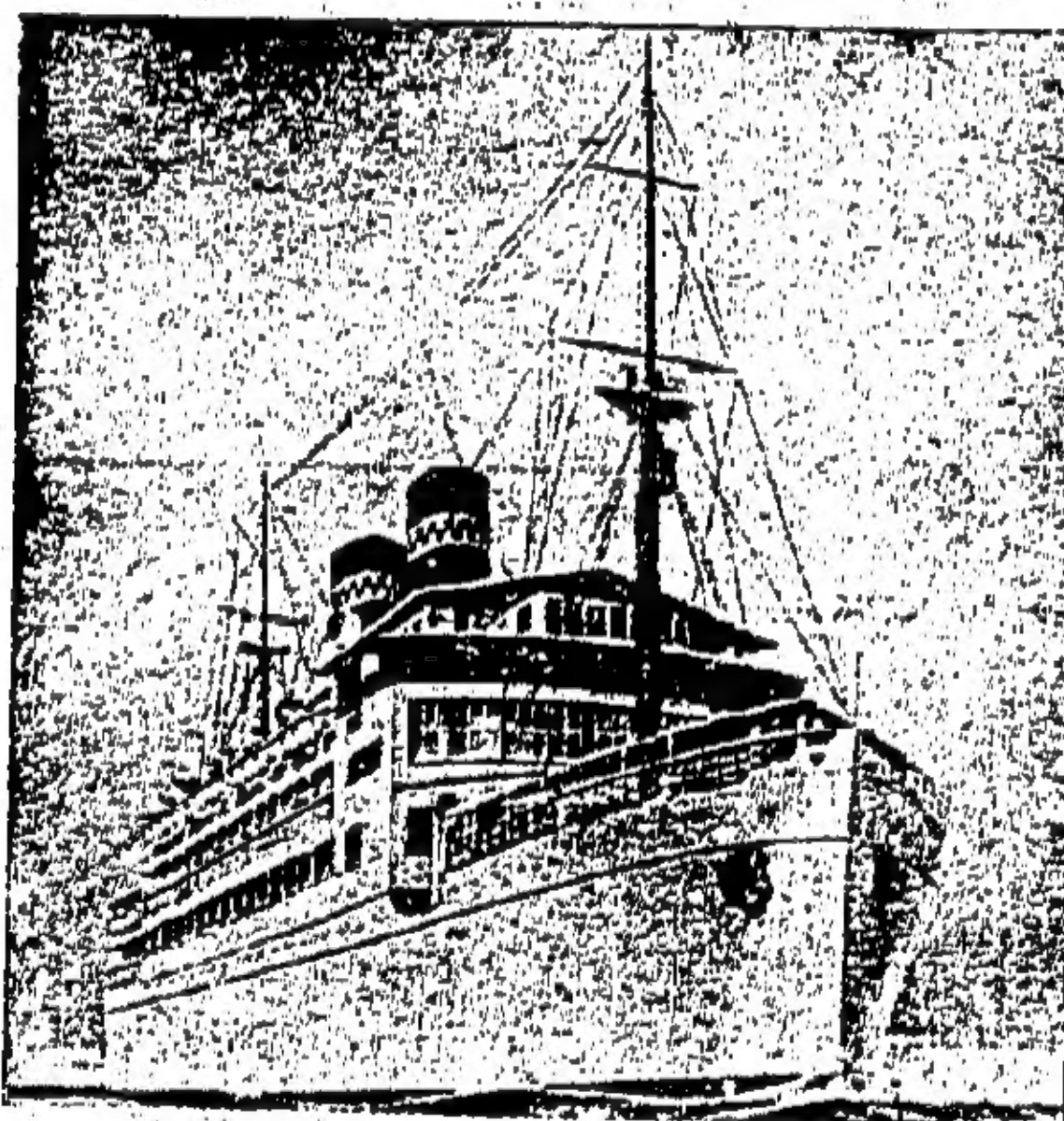
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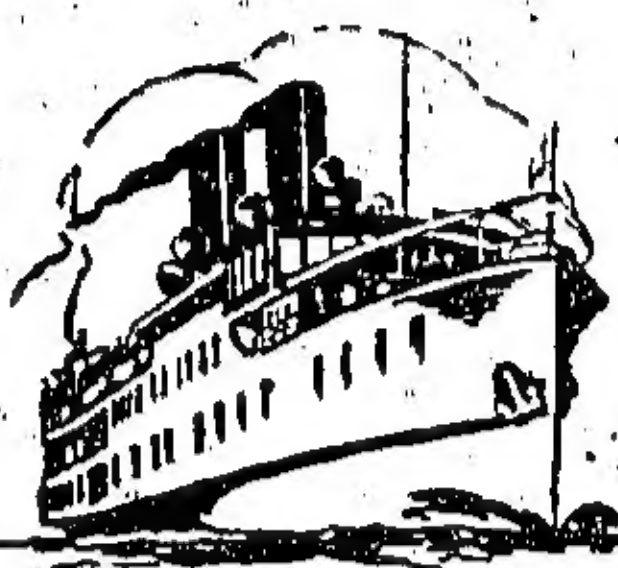
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Many military planes, fighters as well as bombers, mostly manufactured in the United States, were added to the NEI air force during the past year, according to a bulletin issued by the Royal Netherlands Indies Airways (KNILM).

FAST TYPE

These days people in Java can see a new type of fighter plane chasing above the palm trees," says the KNILM bulletin. "This is the new Curtiss Interceptor, a very fast type plane, especially intended for local defence. The Curtiss Hawk fighters formerly delivered here have the job of protecting the bombers. Although the number and details of the new interceptors are naturally kept secret we may safely say that a great number have arrived and that they will be stationed all over the country."

Greater comfort for passengers on the Java-Australian air line is afforded by reducing the number of seats in the Douglas L-4 planes (the same type of plane that frequently calls at Manila on charter flights), thereby giving passengers more room.

TRAINED RESERVE

The Batavia Flying Club has members who have completed training under the military air force. Netherlands who fly for sport are trained as co-pilots on bombers and as machine-gunners. Groups are regularly called for several months' training. In this way sport fliers now number several hundred in the NEI form a well-trained reserve corps for the air force.

Air traffic in the NEI increased enormously coincident with the intensification of the European war. December saw a record in air traffic. In that month KNILM flew a total of one and a half million-passenger kilometers, while the total for 1940 reached 10,725,302 passenger kilometers.

AFGHAN TRADE MISSION

SINGAPORE, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—An Afghan trade delegation, headed by Mr. Chuliam Ghaus, Vice-Minister of the Ministry of National Economy, has reached here on way to Japan where they have been invited to study economic development and improve trade relations, particularly the supply to Japan of cotton, wool, hides and other raw materials.

OWNERSHIP OF LIGHTER: NON-SUIT DIRECTED

The ownership of a lighter, Dory, formed the subject of an action brought before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Supreme Court yesterday.

The parties were YIM KWAN-YUEN (plaintiff), of No. 26 Lyndhurst Terrace, represented by Mr. George She, instructed by Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ, and LO CHUN-MAN, of No. 50 Bonham Strand East, represented by Mr. Eldon Fetter, K. C., instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva.

According to the statement of claim, plaintiff alleged that, by an agreement on Aug. 18, 1936, he, his brother, Yim Ng-shan, and one Chui Chak-pui entered into a partnership of the Wong Tai Company for the purpose of purchasing the Man On and for running the steamship to various ports.

The Man On was, at the time of the purchase and at all material times, a Chinese vessel, registered in Canton and, after the purchase, was taken to Hongkong Chui Chak-pui. It is alleged, committed breaches of partnership and an action was commenced against him by plaintiff and Yim for a dissolution of the said partnership and taking of partnership account. On the hearing of the action, Yim, having died two months previously, the judgment decreed the automatic dissolution of the partnership.

WITHOUT CONSENT

Plaintiff then discovered that the Man On had, in 1938, been converted into a lighter by the said Chui without the consent of the plaintiff or Yim and had been registered as a lighter at the Harbour Department in the name of one Chui Chung-tong. Plaintiff also discovered that the lighter had been subsequently sold by Chui to the present defendant, Lo Chung-man, in Mar. 1939, and that the lighter's name was changed to Dory, at present registered in the name of the defendant.

Plaintiff claimed a declaration that he is entitled, as a partner in the partnership known as the Wong Tai Co., to the ownership, control and possession of the lighter Dory, and that the said lighter is and was at all material times the property of the partnership.

TRUE INTENT

In his statement of defence, defendant stated that the true intent and purpose of the partnership was that the Man On, which is the property of Messrs. Wong Tsui Hop, is to be handed over to the three plaintiffs to be known as the Wong Tai Co., to carry on business on a 40-60 basis.

It was agreed that, if the necessity arose, when Wong Tsui Hop was to sell or dispose of the Man On to pay debts, and so forth, the partners of the Wong Tai Co., were not to offer any obstruction. They were to receive their share in full of any amount put into the business less loss, but were not to share.

In the proceeds realised from the sale of the ship.

Defendant denies that the Man On was, at the time of the purchase, a Chinese vessel, and says that at all material times it flew the Portuguese flag and was registered in Macao in the name of Wong Tsui Hop and Chui Chak-pui, as the only shareholders.

Defendant further denies that the Man On had been converted into a lighter with or without the consent of plaintiff or his deceased brother, and that the Man On was purchased from the true and registered owners, Wong Tsui Hop, and with the consent and knowledge of the plaintiff and his brother and defendant asserts such consent was not necessary. The Bill of Sale on Sept. 15, 1938 was an absolute Bill of Sale.

CONTROL OF SHIP

Defendant contended that plaintiff was estopped from saying that he was entitled, as a partner in the company, to the ownership and control of the ship. The Dory was and is at all material times the property of the partnership because plaintiff, by agreement and conduct, allowed the Wong Tsui Hop to be held out as the true owners of the Dory; plaintiff allowed and permitted the steamship to be put for sale and plaintiff was, at all material times before the sale to defendant, aware that the steamship had been sold and had never made or registered any claim to ownership of the said steamship.

At the beginning of the hearing Mr. Potter said that he was applying for judgment on pleadings on the grounds that there was no cause whatsoever and the admission in the statement of claim that defendant was the purchaser and registered owner of the lighter. He submitted that defendant obtained possession of the Dory properly, by purchase, and there had been no allegations of fraud against the vendor by plaintiff.

Mr. She argued that there was no consent to the sale, and, in fact, if there was a sale, it was not valid, as it was a sale by someone who had no authority and had no power. The sale itself was voidable as it was not a sale by and in the name of the Wong Tai Co.

THE JUDGMENT

Giving judgment for defendant with costs, his Lordship said he was not prepared to go on further with the case and, under Section 315 of the Code, he directed a nonsuit.

GOLF RECORD MAINTAINED

LONDON, Mar. 17 (Reuter).—Bobby Jones and Tommy Armour kept their record of never losing a four-ball game when they beat Gene Sarazen and Walter Hagen by 3 and 2 in 36 holes in a golf match sponsored by the Duke of Windsor, Governor-General of the Bahamas, at Nassau.

The match was in aid of the British Red Cross.

The winners led by two holes in the first round.

The Duchess followed the game which the Duke refereed and presented the players with gold fountain-pens.

Over £1,000 was raised.

GOODWILL AND RECREATION

Six U.S. warships, normally stationed at Pearl Harbour are on a three-day visit to Auckland for goodwill and recreation, states a London message.—(Special)

JEWS TO LEAVE VIENNA

All Jews are to leave Vienna before the summer, states a London message. At present there are five and six families living in a flat.—(Special)

GERMAN TRAINS

Germans are to refrain from using trains during Easter Week (April 10 to 16), states a London message. The trains are already over-burdened with carrying war material.—(Special)

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Canadian Flier Tells How It Feels Like To Be Shot In A Plane

SPOKANE, Wash., March 5 — How it feels to be shot down in an aerial dogfight over England was told here by W. BRUCE MILLAR, PENTICTON, B. C., a flying officer in the Canadian air force.

Here on a brief visit from Penticton, where he is recuperating from wounds received in the dogfight, Millar told how he was brought down by a German plane outside London.

300 M. P. H. Millar said he was flying with a squadron at about 300 miles an hour when the British encountered the Germans, and "there were so many of them it was hard to tell our own men from the enemy."

"Our idea was to break up their formation," he said. "Suddenly we were in the dogfight, and it didn't last more than two or three minutes."

The next thing Millar knew, he said, "a couple of bullets hit the gas tank of my plane, and the flames shot up."

PLANE ABLAZE Another bullet struck Millar in the leg, which he said was "like having someone slap you on the thigh."

With his plane ablaze, wounded in the leg and in the midst of dozens of zooming planes at 18,500 feet, the Canadian flier said, he pushed aside his controls and tried to open the hood of his Spitfire fighter.

"The hood wouldn't open. I guess I dropped 1,000 feet before I could get out, but I tell you it seemed like a thousand years."

RAILED OUT When Millar baled out, he said, he was afraid to open his parachute "for fear one of the German

would take a sight on me." He said he was less than 2,000 feet above the ground when he did open the chute.

The flier said he landed near an English farm house, where he shocked the housewife who looked up to see him walking toward her—without his trousers. They had been burned off.

Millar said although he had been shot through the leg, and his body was burned in several places, "what hurt worse than anything were my hands." Despite heavy gloves, his hands were badly burned.

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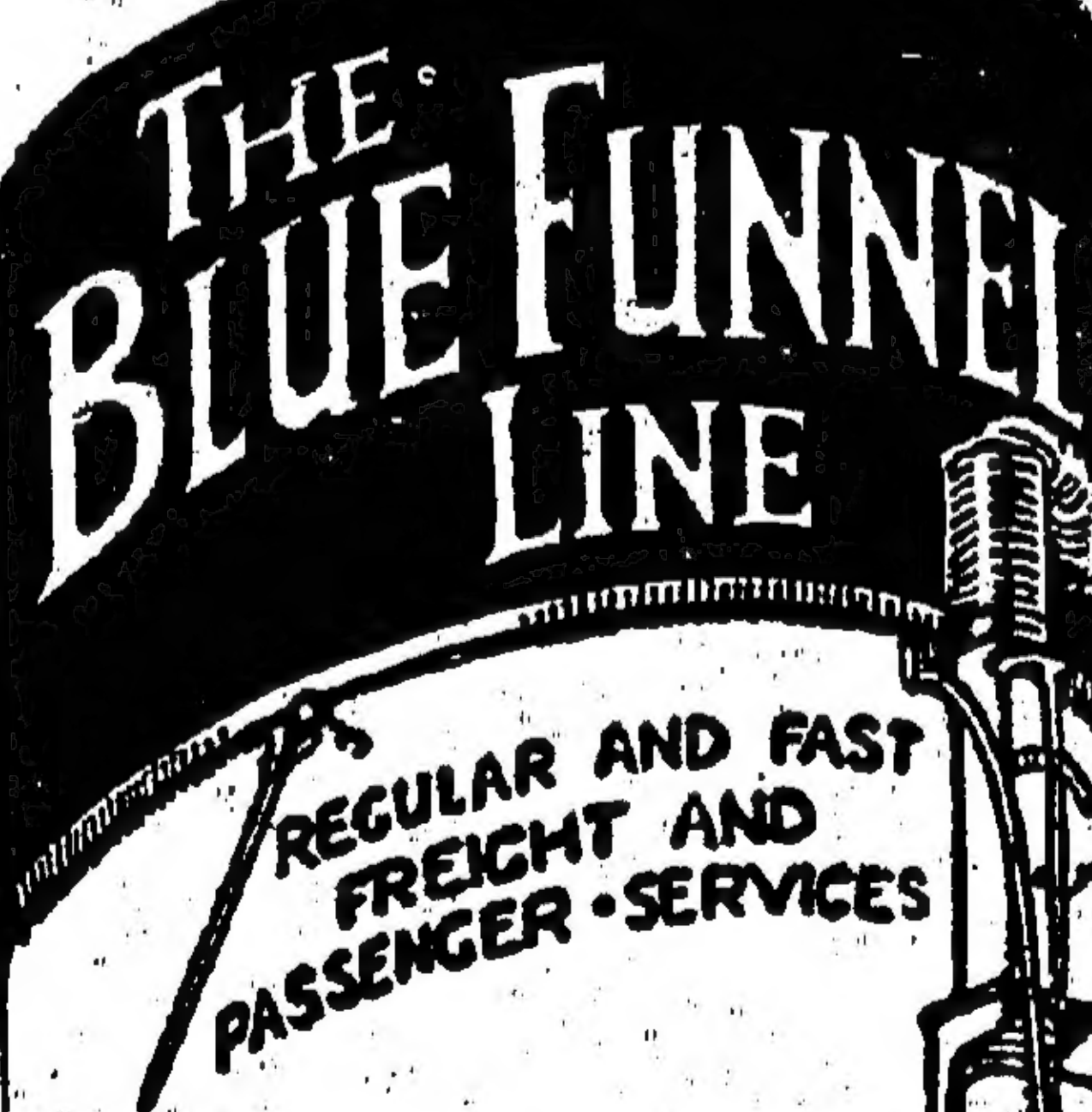
The Canadian, a former student at the University of British Columbia, was light-hearted about the incident. He said his mustache had been burned off and that "raising it again" worried him about as much as anything else.

Confined to an English hospital until Nov. 2, Millar was finally invalided back to his home at Penticton.

Millar said he wanted to "get back into it, and I hope I'll be called back before too long."

The Canadian described English pilots as "a wonderful bunch of lads. They don't care what the odds are against them—they're ready for battle."

Although he said his fighter squadron had scored 72 victories, it had lost only three pilots when he baled out.



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